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Local girls cut hair for cancer charity!



The girls BEFORE (left)and AFTER!



RAISING MORE THAN £200 FOR THE LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

TWO girls from Ewenny have sacrificed their hair – to raise money for a children's cancer charity.

Their efforts have already raised more than £200, and their hair has also been donated to make wigs for children undergoing cancer treatment.

Ava and Gwen Wegner now have shorter haircuts, and their proud mother, Lindsey, told The GEM what happened: "On August 27, Ava (aged 6) and Gwen (14) had their beautiful long hair cut by Leon Caddy, who owns The Lounge on Merthyr Mawr Road, in Bridgend.

"Gwen wanted to donate her hair after reading a leaflet about the Little Princess Trust while we were in the

by PHILIP IRWIN

diabetic clinic having Gwen's quarterly check-up a few weeks ago, and Ava wanted to join her big sister. "As Ava has only ever had her hair trimmed three or four times, it was a big step!

"The Little Princess Trust makes wigs from real hair for children who have lost their own, due to cancer treatment.

"So far the girls have raised £200 with donations still coming through. On the JustGiving page, if you type in Lindsey Wegner, you will find our page.

"Needless to say, their dad Simon and I are incredibly proud of both of our girls." Lindsey said.

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Report by AJ SICLUNA

A DISPUTE between neighbours in Bridgend resulted in one of them suffering a broken jaw and a black eye, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Lee Williams (26), formerly of Heol Maclon, Broadlands, Bridgend, now living in Maesteg, a man with no previous convictions, admitted causing Timothy Owen actual bodily harm.

He was jailed for eight months, suspended for 12 months, and made subject to a supervision order for the same period. He was also told to pay his victim £700 compensation and a victim surcharge of £100.

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Grade one veg is on display at Newton allotment show – and plenty of rosettes!



Mrs Thomas' best decorated cake.



Best flower, won by Simon Hughes.



The judges, Frank Fulgoni and Jean Rees, with Simon Hughes, chairman of the Newton Church Allotment Society.



Ellis Lambert won the best miniature garden.

PHOTOGRAPHS by FRANK SHIPTON

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THE allotment holders at St John's Church, Newton, held their annual show last Saturday (September 5) and there was a fine range of produce on show.

The judges for the show were Jean Rees and Frank Fulgoni, and the winners were as follows:

Best single onion: first, John Steer; second, Simon Hughes; third, John Priddle.

Heaviest onion: first, Ted Clarke; second, R and M Minhinick; third, M Trainor.

Heaviest vegetable: first, Ted Clarke; second, Colin Richards; third, K Jones.

Best five shallots: first, R and M Minhinick; second, J Steer; third, H Wheeler.

Longest runner bean: first, P Furlong; second, P Furlong; third, K Jones.

Best three runner beans: first, R and M Minhinick; second, J Steer; third, J Steer.

Best three beetroot: first, J Steer; second, Mr Thomas; third, J Steer.

Best three leeks: S Hughes.

Best three carrots: first, J Steer; second, J Steer; third, S Hughes.

Best three parsnips: J Priddle.

Best five potatoes: first, J Steer; second, J Steer; third, S Hughes.

Longest root vegetable: first, J Priddle; second, J Priddle.

Best brassica: Mr J Thomas.

first, Mr Thomas; second, Jones; third, R and M Minhinick.

Rhubarb: first, J Steer; second, S Hughes; third, K Jones.

Best single flower: first, S Hughes; second, C Whitten; third, D Bush.

Best vase of flowers: first, C Whitten; second, S Hughes; third, D Bush.

Best tray of fruit: first, J Steer; second, K Jones.

Best sponge: first, P Furlong; second, Mrs Thomas; third, C Whitten.

Best decorated sponge: first, P Furlong; second, C Newberry; third, C Whitten.

Best five Welsh cakes: first, Mrs Thomas; second, Ellis Lambert; third, K Jones.

Best five cupcakes: first, Ellis Lambert; second, Colin Whitten; third, S Hughes.

Best chutney: first, John Steer; second, K Jones; third, John Steer.

Best preserve/jam: first, Bev Smithen; second, K Jones.

Best miniature garden: first, Ellis Lambert; second, Jessica Jones.

Tallest sunflower: first, Mrs Smithen; second, Colin Richards/S Harrowing; third, John Ferris/John Steer.

Largest sunflower head: first, Mr Burton; second, Mr Burton; third, John Ferris.

Best newcomer: first, John Ferris; second, Sonia Wilkinson; third, Rachel Lewis/Gemma Williams.

Best overall in show: First, John Steer; second, John Priddle; third, Mr Thomas.

Best brassica: Mr J Thomas.

Weirdest vegetable:



ABOVE: Margaret Minhinick with her winning rosettes.

BELOW: John Steer (left) and Colin Richards were in charge of the barbecue.



The heaviest onion prize was won by Ted Clarke and accepted by Iori Lambert.



ABOVE: John Ferris was the winner of the Ed Lowes Shield, but was not available for the photograph.



John Steer was winner of 'best in show'.



Jean Rees judging the heaviest vegetable.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
10 Thur	05.25	8.5	17.49	8.9
11 Fri	06.13	9.1	18.31	9.3
12 Sat	06.53	9.3	19.09	9.5
13 Sun	07.26	9.5	19.41	9.7
14 Mon	07.58	9.8	20.11	9.9
15 Tues	08.27	9.7	20.41	9.7
16 Wed	08.55	9.6	21.08	9.6
17 Thur	09.24	9.3	21.38	9.3

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The re-opening of studio could see stars of the screen flock to Bridgend!

SINCE 2008, was chairman of Dragon Studios, D r a g o n also known as International 'Valleywood', has Studios consortium, been in the hands of and a huge administrators, a supporter of the long way from the vision envisaged by the late Lord Attenborough, who

have taken over the lease, as new series *The Bastard Executioner*, from the pen of *Sons of Anarchy* creator Kurt Sutter, will be filmed there.

The deal could mean that more shows produced by Fox 21 could be filmed in Bridgend, while there is the possibility of feature films coming to town, making full use of the studio's four sound studios.

The area is no stranger to being showcased on screen, with the likes of *Casualty*, *Holby City*, *Stella* and *Dr Who* (to name but four) using both Bridgend county borough and the Vale of Glamorgan as shooting locations; but this deal with such a large American studio could

be a huge boost to the area's profile, especially if further productions make their way across the Atlantic.

The Bastard Executioner is eagerly-awaited, following the success of *Sons of Anarchy*, and stars *True Blood*'s Stephen Moyer and *Sons of Anarchy*'s Katee Sagal; it tells the story of a warrior knight in King Edward III's charge who, beaten down by battle, decides to lay down his sword – but violence is never far away.

With such anticipation over Sutter's newest work, there will be plenty of interest in the show – and also in Dragon Studios as it takes the first step to raising its profile.

GARETH JAMIESON

Praise for new education plan

BRIDGEND AM Carwyn Jones has commented on new education qualifications introduced by the Welsh Government.

He said: "School pupils not just in my Bridgend constituency but right across Wales will have the opportunity to study for brand new made-in-Wales qualifications."

"These latest reforms to the education system in Wales are part of a wider package of reform to try and raise standards, with more emphasis on improving literacy and numeracy levels."

He said that one of the more notable changes is the introduction of two new mathematics qualifications: mathematics and mathematics-numeracy. There will also be new

GCSEs in English language and Welsh language and revised English and Welsh literature GCSEs.

For those starting their studies in the lower sixth, there will be revised A levels and AS qualifications. In addition to this, there will also be changes to the Welsh Baccalaureate designed to make it more rigorous with a specific focus on skills development.

Mr Jones said: "The new qualifications introduced are geared towards ensuring that our young people are equipped with the right skills that they need for university, employment and everyday life. I hope that pupils will be inspired by the new qualifications, which have been well received by employers, the business sector and academia."

FLORAL SOCIETY

THE Porthcawl Floral Arrangement Society meets at the Awel-y-Mor Centre on Wednesday, September 16 at 7.30pm.

There will be a flower demonstration by Andrew Lloyd entitled 'Mellow Fruits of Autumn'; everyone is welcome.

Ford Saturday Club celebrates 18th birthday

BRIDGEND-based Ford Saturday Club – which gives Welsh students a grounding in automotive engineering – is gearing up to welcome the latest group when it celebrates its 18th anniversary.

The club has attracted hundreds of pupils from 75 schools across south Wales over the past 18 years.

Supported by Ford, the Welsh Government, the Welsh Automotive and Aerospace Forums

and run by Control 2K, it has gone from strength to strength and is always over-subscribed. This year, 60 applicants are competing for 24 places for the September intake.

Two clubs are run in the school year – in the autumn and spring terms for students aged 14-16 years who give up their Saturday mornings to learn a variety of skills.

Based at the Waterton Technology Centre in Bridgend, the programme allows students to develop valuable skills working alongside professional engineers in a £4m purpose-built training facility next to the engine plant.

Successful applicants follow a 12-week programme during which they will rotate through three modules studying electrical, mechanical and control engineering. Students who complete the programme can qualify for the CREST bronze or silver awards.

Anyone interested in pursuing a career in either electrical or mechanical engineering at any level, either vocational or academic, is encouraged to apply via their school.

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DONATION TO MUSEUM IS A WINDOW ON THE PAST...

PORTHCAWL Museum had an unusual donation recently – a military cornet belonging to a Taibach man who was killed in WWI.

Private Rees Jones was born in 1881, and was killed in action on September 20, 1917, fighting with the 4th Gordon Highlanders.

There is some confusion over whether he met his death in France or in Flanders. He has no known grave and is remembered at the Tyne Cot Memorial panels of the Tyne Cot Cemetery, nine kilometers north of Leper (Ypres) Belgium.

His great-nephew, Bryn Jones visited the museum to make the donation, accompanied by Mr Jones' granddaughter, Carla.

David Swidenbank of the museum said: "We are not sure why Rees, who was born near Port Talbot, would find himself in the Gordon Highlanders – or why the regiment were recruiting

in Cardiff. He was a musician, so perhaps this had a bearing.

"Being taken to Aberdeen a few days after signing up and then finding himself in a kilt must have been quite a culture shock."

"What we do know is that Rees Jones was enlisted into the Gordon Highlanders in Cardiff on October 13, 1904.

"He was described as a musician and was 5' 3" with a chest measurement of 36", a waist of 32" and size 6 feet.

"His first long-term post was when he was sent to India aboard the SS Sicilia on December 17, 1904. He returned to the UK on January 10, 1908, and was immediately transferred to the Army reserve.

"He was recalled and mobilised at Aberdeen on August 5, 1914 and was posted overseas on April 16, 1917."

Mr Swidenbank added that the museum was keen to find out more about Private Rees Jones.



Bryn Jones and his granddaughter Carla.

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The cornet that has been donated to the Porthcawl Museum.

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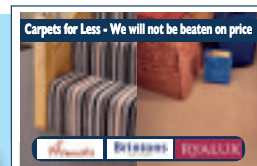
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Ballet Rambert place is a dream for Shaun (19)

A LOCAL boy from Brynna, 19-year-old Shaun Miller, has been offered a place to study at the prestigious Rambert School Of Ballet and Contemporary Dance in London.

After auditioning against thousands of dancers from all over the world, he has secured one of only 40 highly sought-after places.

Shaun, a former pupil of Pencoed Comprehensive School, started dancing at the age of six at the Sarah Burnell School of Dance in Pencoed, studying modern, tap, lyrical and contemporary, where he has gained many trophies and medals while competing in the All England Dance festival, among others.

He also studied ballet at the Sian Dixon School of Dance in Maesteg.

Both teachers are thrilled that Shaun has been given this opportunity and wish him all the very best with his future.

Shaun has also been an associate of the National Dance Company Wales in Cardiff, where he studied contemporary dance. He said he was totally shocked to have gained one of the places. It has been his



SHAUN MILLER.

dream for so many years to attend one of the top dance schools in London and now this has come true. He wanted to thank everyone for getting him to where he is today!

Shaun's family have been supportive of his dance and are all extremely proud of him. His first audition was in February and he was then asked back to a recall in April.

The school gets thousands of applications from all over the world and they then audition about 700 for only 40 places.

Shaun will study at Rambert for three years, where he will gain a BA Hons in dance. He then wants to get into a professional dance company and travel the world performing. JH

Pupils interact with care home residents



LAST week, four children from Burrows Nursery, Porthcawl, went to the RMBI Albert Edward care home.

Sebastian, Joel, Spencer Phoenix and Beau took part in a ceramic session with the residents.

A spokeswoman explained: "We had recently read a study about a care home abroad which opened a nursery on site and found that both residents and children benefited from this interaction. While we can't put a nursery onsite, we looked into the possibility of incorporating children in our activities."

"Luckily, we had some contacts in the local nursery and the managers Kim and Julie were very keen to work together on such an exciting project."

"It was a wonderful experience for the residents and the children

alike to take part in a ceramic session together. It was so nice to see Phoenix helping Val to paint and listen to Margaret Morris reminisce about her years as a nursery nurse."

"Dotty Spotty Pottery come to the home on a monthly basis allowing the residents to take part in ceramic and pottery classes which gives our residents a sense of self-worth when they are presented with their work of art."

"It was a delight to see and hear the interaction and enjoyment that took place between the residents and children during this activity and as a result of this beneficial experience it is certainly something that we will continue with and have planned future sessions to include Zoolab and Music in Health," the spokesman added.

Who wants to build what and where?

Mr Ryan Bevington – 102-104 John Street, Porthcawl – 1 x fascia sign, 1 x hanging sign and 1 x awning; new shop fronts.
Mrs Christine Trinick – Hanover Court, Bridgend – Various works to a number of trees within housing estate.

Dr Rees – Spring House, Bryneglwys Avenue, Porthcawl – Fell one Sycamore, three Beech and one Maple tree, prune three Beech, two Sycamore and one Birch tree.
Valleys to Coast – 25 Chelsea Avenue, Bryntirion – Cut back limbs to nearest regrowth point of Oak.

Llanmoor Development Co Ltd – Land west of Maesteg Road, Tondur – Reposition seven residential units on a part of the Llanmoor homes site, affecting footpath 16 Newcastle Higher.
Hafod Housing Association, St Hilary Court, Copthorne Way, Cardiff – Glanogwr House, Glanogwr Road, Bridgend – Install photovoltaic panels to roof of sheltered accommodation for power to communal areas/facilities.

Mr Ben Board – 133 Cowbridge Road, Bridgend – Retention of building as built (amendment to P/13/147/FUL) for use as a studio dwelling by family member.

Mr T L Cross – 6 Pant Ardryn, Pencoed – Single storey rear extension to provide bedroom and shower room.

MBNL – Junction of Fulmar Road and Nottage Road, Porthcawl – New Pogona equipment cabinet (1230mm x 400mm x 1032mm) and replace 10m high telephone pole with 10m high phase 5 monopole.

Miss J Scanlan – 12 Heol Cefn Ydfa, Coytrahen, Bridgend –

Car handstanding with crossover.

Mr and Mrs Evans – 35 Long Acre Drive, Nottage – Extension of first floor dormer to front elevation.

Mr and Mrs Paul Markey – Sunny View, Marlpi Lane, Porthcawl – Single storey side extension.

Mr P Wills – Former ambulance hall, Newcastle Hill, Bridgend – Change of use from former ambulance hall to artist studio, change windows, two new openings and steel fire pipe.

Mr Squire/Paul/Washbourne/Scott – First and second floors, 10 and 12 Dunraven Place, Bridgend – Redevelopment of existing office units to create 10 residential units at first and second floor level.

Mr Vivian Sweetland – 22 Heol Shon, Cefn Cribwr – Conservatory to rear.

Ms L Wood – 66 Eleanor Close, Pencoed – Two storey extension to provide kitchen and bedrooms.

Mrs Susan Lieven – 9 Highland Court, Bryncethin – Conservatory to rear.

Simona Richards – 3 Caer Berllan, Pencoed – Non material amendment to P/14/407/FUL – Change position of proposed garage to leave manhole free.

Mark Evans – 18 Bedford Road, Cefn Cribwr – Extend existing first floor bedroom at rear of property.

Mrs P Hughes – Land at Dan yr Eglwys Farm (Ty Newydd Farm), Betws – Retention of two storey garage with store above (re-sub of P/12/714/FUL).

'Save historic building' – call



SHADOW Welsh Heritage Minister Suzy Davies has called on Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to take action to save one of Porthcawl's historic buildings.

The Conservative regional AM said the old Harlequin building in the lower Hillsboro Place car park is in urgent need of repair and restoration. She said that she is backing Porthcawl Civic Trust, which is calling for action.

She went on: "I know that BCBC wanted to demolish this building as part of its plans for the Porthcawl regeneration but the Welsh Government and Cadw refused consent."

"BCBC has had years to consider what to do. It is the last remaining building from the old Porthcawl railway station so it does have historical significance."

"As it cannot be knocked down, it has to be incorporated within the regeneration plans for the area, regardless of what they might turn out to be. So putting this building into a good state of repair now makes more sense than allowing it to fall into total disrepair."

She added: "The council has received funding for the restoration and upgrading of buildings in The Square which is nearby."

"It's a shame that this building was not included in that scheme, as money would have been available from Welsh Government."

Coun Charles Smith, BCBC's cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, said: "I'm disappointed

that the regional AM has chosen to highlight this issue without first finding out exactly what is happening."

"We would have been able to inform her that the Harlequin is already included as a reserve project within the Porthcawl townscape heritage initiative, and that discussions are already underway regarding options for carrying out work at the building."

"As Bridgend county borough is one of just two areas across the UK to have established three separate townscape heritage initiatives, it is unfortunate to see the regional AM describe the situation as being 'a shame' instead of using it as an opportunity to promote Porthcawl."

Foster a child in care – plea

PARENTS in Bridgend county borough whose children have 'flown the nest' are being encouraged to foster a child in care.

In Wales, 550 foster families are still needed in 2015. Since 2010, the number of looked-after children in Bridgend county borough has risen by 36 per cent; currently

there are 384 children and young people in care. BCBC cabinet member for children's social services and equalities, Coun Hailey Townsend, said: "We simply need more foster carers! At this time of year, many parents see their children leave for university or get jobs away from home, and often feel that there is an empty space left in their lives – fostering can fill this gap."

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Porthcawl photographer gets twin accolade from geological association



A PORTHCOWL photographer has had two photographs selected for a prestigious geological society's annual calendar.

Malcolm Nugent, who lives in Newton, was recently contacted by the the Geologists' Association of Great Britain, to say that two of his photographs had been chosen for their 2016 calendar.

For one of the photos (left), Malcolm travelled to Hawaii and went out into the wilds to photograph the Haleacala Volcano on the island of Maui.

The other selected image, however, was practically on his doorstep. Malcolm had to travel all the way to Southerndown (below left) to get his shot of the famous cliffs!



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Charity concert
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Guest solo artists are young tenor Joe Sendell and soprano Rhian Hughes, from Maesteg, star of Maesteg Amateur Operatic Society's hit show *Jekyll and Hyde* last October and member of Noteworthy mixed voice choir.

The conductor will be Eira Paskin, musical director of Ogmere male choir and the accompanist is Gareth Waite.

Tickets, £5 can be purchased from choir members or telephone John on 01656 841429.

The choir rehearses at the hall on Thursday evenings from 7pm and new members are welcome.

Flower Festival
MEMBERS of St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill are arranging a flower festival from September 25 – 27.

The church will be open from 10am to 4.30pm on the Friday and Saturday, and 11.30am to 5.30pm on the Sunday, to view the floral displays all based around the theme of West End and Broadway musicals.

The weekend will also offer a feast of music, with young people giving piano recitals each day. On the Friday evening there will be a gala concert with Kenfig Hill and District Male Voice Choir and Crescendo Youth Choir, tickets £6.

For something completely different, come along on the Saturday evening to a 'Singalonga Sound of Music' cinema evening also starting at 7pm; tickets £4.

The weekend closes with a Songs of Praise at 6pm on Sunday, September 27.

Call Theo's Charity Shop, Bridge Street, Kenfig Hill, 01656 741354, or 01656 665547 for tickets.

Poppy Appeal
THE Royal British Legion charity, which helps ex-service personnel in their time of need and raises money from the sale of the red poppies in November, is looking for volunteers to help sell the poppies.

They will be under cover in supermarkets and McArthur Glen

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of THE GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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shopping precincts. Telephone Andrew on 01656 669988.

Charity contact
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Community Transport is a charity set up to help individuals or groups who are elderly or have health problems.

It organises door-to-door transport for people who find it difficult to attend appointments at hospitals, doctors, dentists, opticians etc. For assistance, telephone 01656 669665.

Book club
MEMBERS of St Tyfodwg's church, Glynogwr are trying to involve the community in finding ways of utilising the church building, other than for religious services.

They are organising a book club exchange scheme, at which not only can they get good quality popular books, but each month they meet to discuss a book.

This month's book is by local author Emma Kennedy titled 'Shoes for Anthony' and will feature next Sunday, September 13 at 4pm.

Over the weekend of September 12/13 the church will be open to the public to study parish records etc. Local harpist Michaela Parish who has a Grade 3 award (distinction) for harp playing, will be entertaining the public.

Members of the church thank the public for their support at the recent Glynogwr Show, where its table top sale raised £284 towards church funds.

Pyle concert
ST JAMES' Church, Pyle is holding a series of open day events over the weekend of September 25 – 27.

On September 25, local schools are visiting the church during the day, and in the evening there will be a concert with a Maesteg choir at 7pm, which will include a finger buffet and a glass of wine for £5.

Tickets obtainable from Linda on 01656 742112. On September 26 between 10am and 4pm the public are invited to view local parish records, and the highlight is to climb the bell tower and look down on the

surrounding area.

During the day, there will be a series of competitions and refreshments will be available.

On Sunday, September 27 the church will be open from 10am to 4pm, with a harvest festival service at 11am.

Church organs
ONE of the finest examples of a church organ can be found in Canaan Welsh Independent Chapel, Maesteg.

The placing of this impressive instrument behind the pulpit and the 'big seat' is typical of the arrangement in Welsh Non-Conformist chapels.

To highlight the different examples of these musical instruments next Saturday, September 12 there will be an exhibition on pipe organs in religious establishments throughout Glamorgan at Tondy Methodist Church.

It features an extensive archive of photographs collected by organist Peter David over many years.

The organ at Tondy Methodist Church was installed in 1872. It is still in original condition and is listed on the British Institute of Organ Studies register of historic instruments.

It is played every Sunday by Peter David for the afternoon service.

Peter and his colleague, David Spratt, are well known for their work over the years in tuning and maintaining pipe organs in the Bridgend area.

The church will be open to the public from 10am to 3pm and members of the public are welcome to visit.

There will be a chance to hear some live organ music during the course of the day and refreshments will be available.

A further attraction will be an illustrated talk at 11am on stained glass windows in Welsh chapels by Alun Adams of Porthcawl, who has researched extensively in this area.

There is a particularly fine example of Victorian stained glass in Tondy and Alun will be using this and many other examples to trace the history of an important but little known subject.

Macmillan Cancer Support
TOMORROW, (Friday September 11) there is a coffee morning at the Green Hall (the community centre), Cefn Cribwr from 9.30am to 1pm and craft and cake stalls for the world's biggest coffee morning for the charity.

For more information, contact organiser Mandy Baldwin at: lilacpage@sky.com or call: 07917 097975. All welcome.

At Ynyswre Community Centre on September 11 Raema is holding a coffee morning in support of the charity from 10am to 12 noon.

Members of Aberkenfig and District United Churches will be holding a coffee morning in support of the charity at Nazareth Baptist Chapel on Friday, September 25 from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

Literacy class
TYNYRHEOL Primary School, Llangeinor's class three pupils are taking part in a Cardiff City Football Club literacy programme this term, called 'All Skilled Up'.

This will begin today Thursday, September 10 in school, with literacy-based activities and football skills sessions with players.

The programme also includes trips to the library and to Cardiff City stadium.

Tondy primary school parents can meet at sessions on Wednesday mornings from 9.45am to 11.45am in the Heol Persondy building in Aberkenfig. The session is titled Tondy Toddlers and the child will be able to meet others in the same age group.

The school also has a successful free breakfast club from 8.10am to 9.15am with last entry at 8.40am in the Meadow Street building; attendance in its Heol Persondy building is from 8.10am to 9.30am, last entry is 8.45am. Parents are asked for donations of food items for the harvest appeal, to be brought to the school on Friday, September 25.

These will be collected by the Foodbank charity to aid people in need.

£7m EU-backed project to tackle unemployment among those aged 25-plus

UNEMPLOYED people in Bridgend county borough aged 25 and over, will receive intensive training and one-to-one monitoring to help them get back into work thanks to a new £7 million project.

The Bridges into Work 2 project, which is being led by Torfaen Council and backed by £5.4 million of EU funds, will support out-of-work people in Bridgend County Borough, Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil and Torfaen. The three-year project aims to improve the skills and employability of over 2,000 people who are long-term unemployed or economically inactive.

People taking part in the project will be offered support to help them search for jobs,

write CVs and improve their personal presentation skills, while there will be opportunities to gain formal qualifications via vocational training. Additional support will also be available for people with barriers to employment such as work-limiting health conditions.

The project aims to help over 400 people across the south Wales valleys to get directly back into work, and more than 1,000 to achieve new qualifications. Hundreds more will benefit from improved employability and support with job-seeking.

Finance and Government Business Minister Jane Hutt AM announced the funding last week: "Wales benefits from around £500 million of EU funds annually to strengthen our economy, invest in business and create opportunities for people to develop new skills and

careers. I'm delighted that EU funding will support the next phase of Bridges into Work, which will help remove the barriers that prevent people getting into work and tackle economic inactivity in the south Wales valleys," she said.

Coun Charles Smith, BCBC's cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, said: "We welcome this exciting new programme, which will focus on supporting residents who are aged 25 or older to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to help them find work."

"I look forward to seeing this new programme make a positive impact alongside other employment projects, such as the European-funded Communities for Work programme which aims to help residents who live in Communities First areas."

YOU CAN NAME YOUR SPORTING ROLE MODEL!



Paul Jenkins took the title of Coach to Disabled People at the 2014 Wales Sport Awards.

FOLLOWING local success in last year's Wales Sport Awards, Bridgend county borough residents are being asked to nominate further inspirational coaches, volunteers and sporting role models for this year's prestigious accolades.

The county borough produced two of last year's winners, with Pencoe Comprehensive School student Rhys Young taking the title of Young Volunteer of the Year, while Paul Jenkins of Bettws won the Coach to Disabled People award.

Other finalists from the county borough in last year's event were Shannon Heard, from Maesteg Comprehensive School, who was shortlisted in the same category as Rhys as a Young Volunteer of the Year, and Porthcawl's Sam Moore, who was nominated in the same category as Paul in the Coach to Disabled People award.

The awards are organised by Sport Wales and BBC Cymru Wales to recognise outstanding

contributions to both elite and grass roots sports in Wales. Nominations will remain open until Friday, September 25, and the winners will be announced at a glittering ceremony on Monday, December 7.

BCBC's Deputy Leader, Coun Huw David, said: "We were thrilled last year to have four finalists and two subsequent winners at the Wales Sport Awards final."

"We know that we have some great sporting talent in Bridgend county borough and I'd urge anyone who knows a suitable candidate to put them forward, as it presents a fantastic opportunity to give people the credit they deserve for the work they do in our communities."

The categories in which you can nominate include Young Coach of the Year, Community Coach of the Year, Young Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Coach to Disabled People of the Year, the Lifetime Achievement Award and the BBC Cymru Wales Unsung Hero Award.

For full details visit www.walesportawards.co.uk.

READERS' LETTERS

Speed bumps have their uses

SPEED bumps on our roads are very valuable in restraining drivers who have no intention of abiding by the legal speed limits and think themselves to be above the law.

But, quite apart from acting as a small deterrent, speed bumps serve an extremely useful purpose – merely by their existence on the roads – in trying to reach the minds of the large proportion of drivers,

who would never see themselves as criminals.

They are the ones who complain about speed bumps, but who would be very sorry afterwards, if they accidentally knocked down a careless child, rushing out from the pavement.

None of us would want to be in that situation, after we have struck a child with a lethal weapon, and then wished we had been travelling just a bit more slowly.

CN Westerman, Brynna.

Follow the leader

ISN'T it amazing how the Shadow Welsh Secretary, Owen Smith MP, is saying that he could work with Jeremy Corbyn if he is elected the next Labour leader?

It is amazing how things can change when there is now a real chance Mr Corbyn can win.

So who will be the next MP to have a change of heart and say they could work with Jeremy Corbyn?

Coun Richard Bertin, Barry.

Reading groups launch at Pyle

NEW group reading sessions are starting at Pyle Library this month to tempt avid readers into trying out new titles and authors.

They include the parent and carers' group on the first Monday of the month at 5pm. There's also a night-owl reading group, which runs from 7pm on the third Thursday of the month, for those who are

busy during the day but want to make time for literature in their lives.

A daytime reading group will be held on the last Thursday of the month at 2pm.

Monthly junior reading groups will introduce children aged eight to 12 to the latest authors and novels on the last Tuesday of the month at 5pm. A Teen Reading Group will meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5pm.

Young Farmers' 80th birthday!



Wick Young Farmers' Club pictured at their recent AGM.

WICK & District Young Farmers' Club are celebrating their 80th year after being founded in 1935 at Wick Village Hall.

We are the longest running club in Wales; we are a small but mighty club, and are looking for new members to join us and see all the wonderful opportunities Young Farmers can offer.

Wick & District YFC is part of Glamorgan county, which has seven clubs in total. We meet

every Tuesday evening at Wick Village Hall. Everyone is welcome – you don't have to be a farmer in fact you don't have to know anything about farming, all you need is a sense of adventure and a love of the countryside!

Led by young people, for young people, Young Farmers' Clubs provide anyone aged 10 to 26 with a fantastic chance to meet lifelong friends, learn new skills, make a real difference to the local community, and even travel the world!

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KEY TASK FOR CLUBS

CARETAKING arrangements at sports pavilions across Bridgend county borough are to change, with sports clubs being asked to take on the responsibility for opening and closing the facilities they use.

Cabinet members from Bridgend County Borough Council have also approved recommendations to set up two mobile teams to clean the pavilions, as part of budget cuts which will save the council £100,000 a year.

The local authority manages 80 individual outdoor sports facilities, which are serviced by 34 pavilions that are used by 65 clubs for a range

of winter and summer sports and also by a variety of non-sporting groups, such as pre-school playgroups and craft groups.

The council currently contributes around 90 per cent towards the running cost of the pavilions.

The new arrangements, which are now subject to formal consultation with the current caretaking staff, will see each pavilion cleaned on a rotational basis, depending on how often the pavilion is used.

Pavilion users will be asked to carry out any additional cleaning that is required on top of this.

Fewer waiting for CT scans, but more wait for MRI scans

FEWER people are waiting for CT and ultrasound scans in the area served by the ABMU health board – which includes Bridgend and the western Vale – but the number waiting for MRI scans has increased over a 12-month period.

According to information obtained by Welsh Conservative regional AM Suzy Davies, in April this year there were 2,040 people waiting for MRI scans, compared to 1,763 in April 2014.

However, progress has been made on waiting times, with patients being seen within five to seven weeks.

Welsh Government targets are eight weeks maximum waiting time, but ABMU says that 80 per cent of urgent cases are scanned and reported within ten days.

Scanning is carried out at Morriston, Singleton, Princess of Wales and Neath Port Talbot hospitals.

Welcoming the improvement in waiting times for two types of scanning, Mrs Davies was concerned about increased numbers waiting for MRI scans. She said that the decision to introduce weekend

scanning sessions at both Morriston and Princess of Wales hospitals should help deal with any backlog of outpatient cases.

"This decision follows a pilot project at Princess of Wales as a result of which funding has been found to pay for this extension in operating hours," she said.

"ABMU chairman Andrew Davies told a meeting of local AMs and MPs that the board is looking to provide diagnostic services 24/7 at its major hospitals. Having had complaints from constituents previously, I am pleased that they have started along this long road."

"Unfortunately, I understand that they are having difficulty in recruiting the extra staff they need like sonographers and radiologists."

"I would be interested to know from Wales' Health Minister Mark Drakeford about the training in Wales for these health professionals; why workforce planning seems to have missed the mark; why it is still so difficult to recruit across a number of disciplines in Wales – and whether, as some would like, more diagnostic responsibility could be given to radiologists themselves."

PROGRAMME FOR JOBS LAUNCHED

A NEW multi-million-pound programme that aims to "help people living in Wales' most deprived communities to get back into work" is to be introduced in parts of Bridgend county borough, the council has announced.

Backed with European funding and supported by the Department for Work and Pensions, the new 'Communities for Work' programme will provide one-to-one support and training opportunities for unemployed people who live in the county borough's 19 'Communities First' areas, which include parts of Betws, Caerau, Cornelly and Evanstown.

Specialist advisers and employment mentors will be on hand to help people who may be struggling to get a job because of a lack of qualifications, childcare responsibilities or health problems.



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Local charity gets helping hand from new coffee shop



WHEN a new Starbucks opened in Waterton Retail park, Bridgend, the management decided to donate all of the first day's takings to a local charity.

The lucky recipient was the Bridgend and District branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the committee members of the branch were delighted to be invited to the branch to receive the cheque for £3,864.84!

Pictured above are MS Society members, with Mel (Starbucks operational manager) and Gareth (Bridgend store manager).

Rusting Met mast is to be removed at last

NEWS that Natural Resources Wales has granted a licence for the removal of a rusting anemometer mast off the coast at Porthcawl has been welcomed by a regional AM.

Suzy Davies has

backed a campaign to get the Met mast removed. It was installed as part of the abortive Scarweather Sands offshore wind farm project to measure wind speeds.

Now, she has heard that a marine licence has been granted to Eon Renewables to remove

the mast which stands 250 feet high.

Mrs Davies, a Welsh Conservative regional AM said: "It has taken a lot of hard work to reach this stage. I'd really like to thank campaigners in Porthcawl who weren't prepared to just let this go."

"I was afraid that if we did not press this point, the owners would just walk away, leaving the taxpayers at some point in the future to pay to remove what would have become a dangerous structure."

"It was pile driven into the seabed in 2003 to monitor wind speeds but in 2009, the wind farm plan was abandoned leaving the mast in situ. It should have been removed as soon as it stopped monitoring, in accordance with the licence granted to permit its installation."

"I am glad that the people of Porthcawl will no longer have to put up with this rusting eyesore off the coastline. I just hope that Eon acts quickly to actually take it away now that it has the necessary licence."

"I will be watching the situation closely to ensure there is no unnecessary delay," she vowed.

Tense and difficult days ahead in the Commons...

I AM tone deaf. I was told by a music teacher it was impossible to be tone deaf. She said I should sing the notes she played on the piano. I did. She then gave me a long look and announced that I was, indeed, tone deaf.

I have been looking back over the past few weeks and two musical events stand out. In August, I was invited to attend a rehearsal of the Tenovus choir, which meets each Monday at 6.30pm in the Tabernacle Church, Derwen Road, Bridgend.

I took my London staff, Anna and Matthew, with me to the rehearsal and loved the evening. There was so much fun and enjoyment, so much laughter and pleasure from all of those attending.

I felt quite jealous and yet again lamented my inability to sing. The rehearsal only lasts an hour and time whizzes past so fast. If anyone is interested in joining, I strongly recommend trying it out. You can just turn up and find a room full of instant friends, fun and pleasure.

This Saturday, I attended the 35th annual concert of the Porthcawl Male Voice Choir, as a vice-president. The choir, as always, was superb. The guest artists were two young men from north Wales, Richard and Adam.

When they were introduced, the compere said everyone would know them from watching *Britain's Got Talent*. I have never seen this show but they were wonderful and fond as I am of dogs, I cannot believe they lost out to one!

Their story of family and school

WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON is writing an exclusive monthly report from Westminster for THE GEM.



encouragement, talent shows and struggling to build a career was impressive. Their rendition of the Righteous Brothers' *Unchained Melody* was deeply moving.

In contrast, Parliament over the next two weeks is going to be tense and difficult. Three events stand out on Wednesday alone. I start the day with a meeting I spent most of the last session of Parliament nagging to obtain.

I called two debates in the last Parliament to talk about the risks associated with the failure to restore the open cast coal mine Parc Slip, which stretches from Cefn Cribwr to Kenfig Hill.

In March, I had a meeting with Matthew Hancock, a Minister at the Business Innovation and Skills Department who promised that a solution would be found over the period of the election, which could be implemented once the new Government was elected.

In May, we had a new Government but Matt Hancock moved on to a new department and was replaced by Anna Soubry. Anna promised a quick meeting once she mastered her new brief, only later to be told the issue was now to be dealt with by the Department for Energy and Climate Change.

I now have a meeting this week and a Westminster Hall debate to attend. Both opportunities allow me to challenge the Minister to tackle a problem which started with the privatisation of coal and the failure to ensure binding legal and financial responsibility for restoration.

There is also a debate on the Syria crisis and the UK response to it. I am proud that Bridgend Council has offered (with Government financial support) to support 10 refugee families. My email system has been swamped with people asking how they can offer support and supporting the need to offer homes to those fleeing horrific

repression and death. So far, I have had only three emails opposing the offer of entry to the UK.

In the midst of this discussion offering new life and hope to people fleeing from war and oppression, we will on Friday have the first reading of the Assisted Dying Bill.

I have had many emails on this subject, the vast majority supporting the Bill. I don't know if the Bill will have a second reading, as there is strong opposition to it and a variety of parliamentary devices which can prevent or limit debate.

The Bill will only apply to a patient who is over 18 with a life expectancy of less than six months. The Bill does not apply to those with disabilities, however serious, unless they also have a terminal illness, or to dementia patients.

The patient must be of sound mind and voluntarily sign a declaration that they wish to end their own life, which the patient's doctor counter-signs confirming that the patient is terminally ill, of sound mind and acting voluntarily.

A second independent specialist doctor then counter-signs the declaration. Any doctor who has a conscientious objection to any of this does not have to participate in any way.

A High Court judge must then also agree that the patient is terminally ill and of sound mind and acting voluntarily. After the court order, there is a 14 day cooling-off period before the doctor takes the medicine to the patient, and waits there for the patient to self-administer the medication.

If the patient changes their mind then the medication is taken away. There will be considerable disagreement on this Bill which strongly divides opinion.

It's going to be a busy first week back, local international and moral issues to the fore. Pity I cannot de-stress by singing!

Tractor run in loving memory of Nick Jones

A CLASSIC tractor road run is taking place in memory of local farmer Nick Jones, who died in an accident recently.

It is on Sunday, September 20 at 10am, starting from Llanilid Farm, Pencoed (CF35 5LA).

Entry is £10 per tractor/vehicle/4x4, an approximate 25-mile run; there will be a raffle too.

A spokesman explained: "We hope people will give generously. The proceeds will go in a trust fund for Nick's two young children."

Light refreshments at start, lunch at Brackla Break Cafe at 2.45pm.

Further information is available from Wayne Griffiths on 07866 495 064.

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Charity Ironman Challenge awaits for the man who lost eight stone!

A Barry man, who has lost eight stone, is taking part in the Tenby Ironman Challenge this weekend in memory of his mother who died of breast cancer.

Chris Thomas, aged 43, who works in the Vale Council's education department, was a hefty twenty two and a half stone when he decided he had to do something about his excessive weight.

"I'd dieted and lost weight, and then put some of it back on – and then found out about 'Nicky Palmer Fitness' sessions and thought 'it sounds like I should go'."

"I did go, but didn't tell anyone, unless it ended up as a 'train wreck'. With Nicky's support, the weight began to fall away and I started to enjoy exercising."

"I was hooked on a new lifestyle. There was a time when I would get home, have a pizza and sit in front of the Xbox. In the end, I sold the Xbox on Ebay!"

"In September 2013, I went to watch Nicky at the Ironman – there were even 60 and 70-year-olds there."

"Nicky said to me: 'Are you inspired?' The concept of me doing that seemed ludicrous."

The Ironman involves swimming, cycling and running. When Chris first started exercising, he struggled to do a run along the Knap Prom in Barry and could only manage to swim two thirds of a length.

But he joined a triathlon club in Cardiff and a running club in Barry, boosting his abilities.

On Sunday,

by GEM REPORTER



Chris doesn't need his grey tracksuit bottoms now; he's lost eight stone and is heading for the Ironman Challenge.

September 13, the Ironman Challenge at Tenby will involve a swim of 2.4 miles, a bike ride of 112 miles, and a run of 26.2 miles.

Chris recently took part in an event which broke down the three components of Ironman over a weekend and he managed to do a two and half mile swim in an hour and a half. It has made him optimistic that he can complete the course, but hopes the swimming part of the triathlon won't be too choppy.

He added: "The Ironman is a personal challenge, but I also had a choice of two charities to support and chose Macmillan because my mother Jacqueline died of breast cancer. It's a very good cause and I'm raising money in her memory."

Please go to: www.justgiving.com/christopherjthomas if you'd like to make a donation.

Fun with Seniors

BONVILSTON
Seniors are calling on all those over-50, who like company and a lot of laughter to join their regular programme of gentle exercise, crafts, singing, speakers, lunches and trips out!

They meet weekly at the Reading Rooms in Bonvilston from 10.30am, apart from the second week of the month when we meet at The Aubrey Arms at 11am.

For more information, contact Jane Platts on 01446 795631; email jane.platts@age-concern-cardiff.org.uk.

Councils discuss how to look after new refugees

'UK Government must foot the bill'

by GEM REPORTER

THE flight of thousands of people from Syria to Europe has sparked a debate about what sort of response the UK should provide.

Some people like Labour leadership hopeful Yvette Cooper think the country should welcome people with open arms – others are more cautious and argue that until people are properly processed, we don't know who they are or whether they qualify for refugee status.

Then there are concerns about integration, any future threat of terrorism and whether this will be a 'one-off' event or a steady flow of humanity that goes on for years to come.

Local councils are already making preparations for new arrivals, but their spokesmen are warning that the UK Government should meet the cost.

Coun David Simmonds, Chairman of the Local Government Association's Asylum, Migration and Refugee Task Group, said that while councils had a good record in helping refugees, if they were able to help now, it would mean Whitehall footing the bill.

"No-one can fail to have been affected by the tragic scenes we have all witnessed as the refugee crisis has developed over recent days."

"Councils across the country are playing their part and local government has an excellent track record in supporting refugee

children and their families.

"The LGA has been in discussions with government over a number of years on such issues and is committed to urgently working together to find new solutions. Any support offered by councils must be on a voluntary basis where support can be adequately provided."

"However, central government has to recognise that any costs associated with this international problem must be fully met by Whitehall."

The likelihood is that the UK will take people from camps in the Middle East, rather than people who have crossed European borders.

The cabinet of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has confirmed that it is supporting Yvette Cooper's proposals and the Local Government Association for providing UK-wide help for refugees.

In a letter which was discussed at a recent informal meeting of cabinet, Yvette Cooper stated: "If every city took 10 refugee families, if every London borough took 10 families, if every county council took 10 families, if Scotland, Wales and every English region played their part, then in a month we'd have nearly 10,000 more places for vulnerable refugees fleeing danger, seeking sanctuary."

"Council Leader Mel Nott said: "Like many throughout the world, we have been appalled at the human cost of the Syrian conflict, especially the heartbreaking images of small children washed up in the surf."

"The Welsh Refugee Council estimates that as many people have died trying to flee across the Mediterranean in 2015 as have been housed in Wales as asylum seekers, and communities throughout the UK are making their feelings felt by organising their own relief collections and transporting them across to the refugee camps in Europe."

"We have responded to Yvette Cooper, the shadow home secretary, to inform her that BCBC will be happy to engage with a national humanitarian scheme."

"Furthermore, we support the efforts of the Local Government Association to secure long-term funding at local levels that will allow this to happen, and are awaiting details from the Government."

The Prime Minister, David Cameron, speaking on Monday (September 7) talked of aiming to take around 20,000.

Meanwhile, Bryntirion Community Centre (11 Nant Ffornwg, Bridgend CF31 4TJ) is acting as a drop-off point for an independently organised collection of specific items.

The Welsh Refugee Council website is also offering further advice about ways in which people can help.



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SYRIAN REFUGEES CRISIS CALLS FOR EUROPE-WIDE SOLUTION 'Repatriation must be long-term objective'

THE generosity we have seen from the people of south Wales in response to the Syrian refugee crisis has been phenomenal.

It has proven – if proof be needed – that the proud British tradition of helping those in the direst of circumstances in their hour of greatest need is alive and well.

It has also made a mockery of those who may have sought to use this crisis as a stepping-stone to bring the issues of economic migration and – dare I say – 'Islamophobia' – to the forefront of debate.

That is not the question at hand, and it is to our collective credit that this narrative has not been allowed to take hold.

It is absolutely right that we must do all within our power to help in whatever ways we can – as a society

of individuals, and as a state. Andrew RT Davies, the leader of the Welsh Conservatives in the Welsh Assembly, is completely correct to say that the United Kingdom must take its fair share of refugees.

However, we cannot allow our most sincere of intentions to become the enemy of logic – and ultimately the enemy of a solution.

Mr Davies is, therefore, also correct to say that we must deal with the problem at its source.

In a sense, we are forever walking a tightrope. Nobody would question the imperative to rescue those who need to be rescued. But at the same time, we cannot send out the message that if you risk life and limb to get to the UK – by any means available – then you will arrive at the ultimate nirvana, your every problem now gone away.

Sending such a message effectively makes us collaborators – strategic

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regional Assembly
Member
for South Wales West*

partners if you will – with the criminals who are so cruelly exploiting the situation we face.

We cannot risk the entrenchment of perverse incentives, which will simply result in yet more horrific deaths whilst people-traffickers get rich through the misery of the desperate.

Our aid efforts must be focused on those in UNHCR camps and must not be allowed to undermine the Dublin Regulation.

This aims to "determine rapidly the Member State responsible for an

asylum claim", and makes provision for the transfer of an asylum seeker to that member state.

The problem calls for a Europe-wide solution. This does not mean the same thing as 'quotas' – but means acting in accordance with the principles of 'Dublin' and making sure that the burden is fairly and legally shared.

What is now the EU was founded on the premise that war – and the fallout – must never again tear Europe apart.

This crisis will test 'Europe', its institutions and its political will to make them 'work', to the limits. Failure to deliver a European solution risks undermining the credibility of the whole European ideal.

The need for border controls has never been clearer. Unless you can contain and quantify a problem, you cannot take the steps needed to deal

with it. Britain's decision to remain outside the Schengen Agreement now looks incontrovertibly to have been the correct one – as the scenes witnessed at Hungary's railway stations seem to bear out.

Where there is no border control, there is mass panic and chaos.

We must deal with the issue at hand, but repatriation has to be the long-term objective. For this to be viable, we must ensure that enough of the physical, political and economic infrastructure of Syria is preserved, so there is the prospect of a good life for these people one day to return to.

If that means troops on the ground, then this is a decision we cannot duck any longer. The war in Syria no longer belongs to a faraway land, but is literally on our doorstep.

Our compassion is to be lauded, but with it comes a time when we also face tough choices.

Sound system: FREE LOAN

GVS (Glamorgan Voluntary Services) has recently acquired a sound system complete with 160 watt speakers, amplifier, mixer and four mics ideal for small events such as AGMs, which is free on loan to GVS members.

Membership is open to voluntary and community groups and is free to groups with an income under £15,000, with a nominal fee for groups with higher incomes.

Contact GVS at Barry Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry, on 01446 741706; email: enquiries@gvs.wales.

Top tradesperson

SCREWFIX, which has stores in Barry, Bridgend and Cardiff, is launching its annual competition to recognise the best builders, electricians, handymen, plumbers and other businesses.

The winner will take the title of Britain's Top Tradesperson, along with a brand new Toyota Proace or Hilux worth £30,000.

Join the Big Knit-athon!

Nimble fingered knitters are to 'get creative' and knit small hats for Age Cymru and Innocent's Big Knit, to help older people keep warm and well in winter.

The annual 'knit-athon' will see knitters making little woollen bobble hats that will appear on Innocent smoothie bottles in stores nationwide in February 2016.

Age Cymru will receive a 25p donation for every hat knitted by residents. This will go towards helping older people keep warm and well in winter.

Richard Nicholls,

head of income generation at Age Cymru said: "The Big Knit is back for its 12th year and we hope knitters in the area join in and help us create as many hats as possible.

"The colder months of the year can be really tough for many older people who can face difficulties protecting themselves from the harsh winter weather.

That's why it's so important that local knitters get behind The Big Knit to help raise funds for local winter services.

"It's easy to get involved in The Big Knit – we've got knitting patterns anyone can use – from beginner,

to intermediate to advanced knitters. We've even got a watermelon pattern, a pineapple pattern and a grapes pattern for our budding knitters – the sky is the limit!"

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IN BRIEF

THE AGM of the Penarth Local History Society will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday, September 10, at the All Saints Church lesser hall, Penarth. New members welcome.

Valeways walks

ON Saturday, September 12 at 2pm Uchelolau – the Highlight Trail walk: meet at Merthyr Dyfan Road post office CF62 9TG.

September 14 at 11am – a Dyffryn to St Lythans circular walk, from Dyffryn House car park.

September 15 'Cwrdro' – meet at Y Bontfaen Llyfrgell (Cowbridge Library) CF71 7AH at 10am.

September 16, the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at 10.30am in Cosmeston Visitor Centre CF64 5UY.

Book launch
WHODUNNIT writer Ann Cleaves will launch her latest novel *The Moth Catcher* at All Saints Church, Penarth, at 2.30pm on September 24 (organised by Griffin Books).

Visit: griffinbooks.co.uk or call 02920 706455 to reserve your place.

Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a busy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

Branch Manager Phil Powell finds that it's all about service. "Our product is simple. If your double glazing is steamed up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although

that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, BCT and Porthcawl areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

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Eye test reveals local child's brain tumour

THE mother of a six-year-old boy who was diagnosed with a brain tumour following a routine eye test is urging parents to get their children's eyes tested.

Tanya Phibben from Mountain Ash took her son Iestyn to a routine eye test at his local Specsavers when the optician picked up a blur on his optic nerve. Following a referral to the University Hospital of Wales (UHW), Cardiff, Iestyn was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board is urging parents to ensure their child's eye health is high on the list, as a visit to your local optician is not just important in order to check your child's sight, but it can also pick up a number of health conditions.

Iestyn had been suffering with headaches and general tiredness, and his left eyelid was droopy. Tests carried out revealed he had a swelling of the optic nerve head.

He was referred to consultant neurosurgeon Dr M Imran Bhatti at UHW, who carried out a 15-hour operation with his skull base neurosurgical colleague, Miss Caroline Hayhurst, to remove the tumour from this delicate area.

Dr Bhatti said: "Although this tumour grows very slowly, it could be life threatening due to its

critical location. It causes pressure on the brainstem, the area which controls important functions like breathing and the heart etc. It can also cause a build-up of fluid in the brain by blocking its normal flow.

"The tumour was completely removed during the intricate operation, except a little bit that was left along the facial nerve to avoid Iestyn having facial weakness. His overall prognosis from this tumour is good, as it was benign and he is having regular check-ups.

"It is very rare to have this specific tumour, especially one of that size, at Iestyn's young age, so this could have been something he was born with. However, an abnormality being picked up at a routine eye test has helped us to treat his condition."

Tanya Phibben said: "I hope that Iestyn's story can raise awareness of how important regular eye tests are. I will always ensure that Iestyn and his sister have regular eye tests, and if he hadn't gone to the opticians that day, his tumour may still be undetected."

Homecraft section of the Vale Show says 'thank you'

CHAIRPERSON Jan Rees was thrilled with the high standard of entries in the homecraft section of the Vale Show and would like to take this opportunity to thank all who entered competitions, and to congratulate the winners.

A special thanks to the committee and the extra 'stand in stewards' making the day run smoothly.

A raffle is held in the Homecraft Marquee every year and it is the chairperson's privilege to choose a charity of her choice.

The grand total of £519.91 was sent to Prostate Cymru. Thank you everyone for your support.

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A Conservative AM hits at the 'culture of complacency'

NEWS that the number of NHS patients waiting over 36 weeks for treatment within the ABMU Health Board area has increased nearly seven fold – from 848 in 2011, to 5,467 in 2015 – has drawn an angry reaction from a regional Welsh Conservative AM, Dr Altaf Hussain.

The former consultant in the Welsh NHS has hit out at what he calls a "culture of complacency and excuses" within the Welsh Government and the ABMU.

Dr Hussain said: "An increase of this magnitude, year on year, is indicative of a major problem with the way our NHS is run in Wales. Patients' lives are on hold while awaiting potentially life-changing treatment; with one in seven people in Wales now on some type of NHS waiting list, this is a problem that is likely to impact on all of us in some way."

"The concerns about our health are obvious – but this also has a knock-on effect on our productivity and our schooling. The knock-on effect of this bottleneck on the Welsh economy cannot be underestimated."

"As we know, staff morale in our Welsh NHS is at an all time low and I am sickened by a recent report suggesting that our hardworking doctors and nurses feel too intimidated to speak out. "One of the big problems facing the NHS in Wales is the recruitment of new doctors. Successive Welsh Government initiatives have failed to produce measurable improvements with regard to this."

An ABMU spokeswoman said: "ABMU Health Board and all its staff are not complacent when it comes to the care and treatment of patients. "It is well documented that the NHS as a whole has been experiencing unprecedented and sustained levels of intense pressure."

"In particular, we are seeing high levels of very sick patients, many of them older people, plus patients referred as clinically urgent which means, due to the urgency of their condition, they are seen before our routine patients."

"For example, in December 2014 the Princess of Wales Hospital saw a rise of over 20 per cent in the number of patients aged 75+ being admitted compared with the same time in 2013. "Patients who are

older and very sick usually need longer in hospital and it is only right they receive hospital care for whatever length of time it is needed. Naturally, this can mean delays in admitting other patients onto wards."

"All our staff are working extremely hard and we are very grateful to them."

"We sincerely apologise to all patients and their families who wait longer than we would like for their treatment, and thank them for their patience and support."

"Currently, over 90 per cent of our patients are seen in under 36 weeks. We have plans in place to reduce this which are already having an impact."

"We appreciate the knock-on effect Dr Hussain refers to and this is why our new partnership project

'ARCH' (A Regional Collaboration for Health), looks not only at healthcare services but also education and the economy."

"The health board encourages staff to communicate any concerns they have. 'Raising Concerns' is an ABMU scheme allowing staff to raise issues in a number of ways, including by a dedicated text or voicemail. It is in addition to formal whistle-blowing procedures."

"The health board is actively recruiting medical staff using both the British Medical Journal, NHS Jobs and its own website. In addition, it has participated in initiatives such as the Medical Training Initiative Scheme, which allows overseas postgraduate doctors to train and work in the UK for a period of two years."

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Heather Hancock, Steve Powell and Nigel Jeffries present the storytelling chair to Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales.

Offenders hand children's chair for storytelling over to hospital

YOUNG patients at Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales will soon be treated to storytelling sessions, thanks to the handiwork of offenders.

A 6ft-high hand-crafted wooden storytelling chair has been donated to the Cardiff children's hospital by Wales Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) in the foyer of the £64 million hospital and will provide a focal point for storytelling and entertainment sessions for the children.

The chair was made at Wales CRC's Community Payback workshops in Lewis Street, Canton, Cardiff, by offenders carrying out unpaid work as

part of their community sentences. It was crafted from recycled pine wood salvaged from a school adventure playground and took two offenders 150 hours to make.

Wales CRC's workshop manager Steve Powell said: "Under the guidance of community payback supervisors Nigel Jeffries and Mark Skyrme, the offenders learned carpentry skills and made an impressive bespoke chair which would cost thousands of pounds to buy.

"By donating it to the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital, they are giving something back to the community," he added.

BLIND CAT ZENGA HAS FOUND A NEW HOME!



Emma Howell with Zenga.

LITTLE blind cat Zenga, who featured in last week's GEM, has found a new home.

Sue Dobbs, Cats Protection Adoption Centre manager, said: "We had a lot of people getting in touch to adopt Zenga, and she has now been adopted.

"Her new owner is Emma Howell, who felt empathy with Zenga, having had detached retinas herself in the past.

"She is now looking forward to getting to know her and making her part of her family."

Cats Protection, Bridgend Adoption Centre is at Pant Hirwaun, Bryncethin, Bridgend, CF32 9UJ; 01656 724396; email bridgend.manager@cats.org.uk; website <http://bridgend.cats.org.uk> Visit our pages at www.facebook.com/cpbri dgend.

'No fracking in the Vale' – AM

FOLLOWING news that Coastal Oil and Gas will be test drilling for shale gas in the Vale, local AM Jane Hutt said this week: "I am strongly opposed to fracking and do not want to see it happen in the Vale of Glamorgan.

"I am encouraged, therefore, that the Labour Welsh Government issued a direction earlier this year imposing a moratorium on local planning authorities approving planning applications for fracking.

"This is in stark contrast to the UK Government, which recently announced its plans to fast-track fracking applications in England."

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

FRIENDS R US and the Tynewydd Inn, Tynewydd Road, Barry, are holding their third Macmillan coffee morning on Wednesday, September 16, from 10am till 12.30pm, with a raffle and stalls.

LONG DISTANCE CHARITY BICYCLE RIDE RAISED £7,500 FOR HOSPICE



In the picture are: Patrick Wall, Hussain Rubban, Mark Rowlands, Simon Lock, Mark Gadsby and Arthur Rzepala.

FIVE cyclists and a support vehicle driver, all employees at Royal Mail's Penarth Road depot, took part in a sponsored ride from Edinburgh to the hospice in Penarth – to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

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Samaritans Cymru urge young to 'seek help'

TO coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day today (Thursday, September 10), Samaritans Cymru has launched DEAL (Developing Emotional Awareness and Listening) to encourage young people to seek help when needed.

Many young people in Wales possess negative attitudes towards mental health difficulties among peers and avoid seeking help with their emotional problems.

The bilingual set of free teaching resources follows a report by the Childhood Wellbeing Research Centre that children with higher levels of emotional, behavioural and social wellbeing have, on average, higher levels of academic achievement and are more engaged in their education.

A Samaritans Cymru spokesperson said that while suicide is a rare event, it is a major cause of death in teenage years. "In Wales, we are witnessing a significant rise in factors which can

contribute to suicidal intent. Self-harm, admissions for eating disorders and referrals to mental health services across Wales are currently at a record high for children and young people in Wales.

"While the causes of suicide are complex, these factors can increase the risk of emotional distress and rates of suicide in young people. Preventative measures, such as teaching and building emotional resilience in educational settings could increase help seeking behaviour and reduce the number of young people experiencing emotional distress."

To find out more about DEAL, visit www.samaritans.org/DEAL.

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Neighbours' dispute

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In addition, he was made subject to a restraining order for five years, not to contact Mr Owen.

Prosecutor Heath Edwards said that in March 2014, the two men were neighbours, living in Broadlands.

Mr Owen was told that Williams wanted to see him about something, and was invited in by the defendant and in the kitchen, there was an argument and a confrontation.

Mr Owen was punched to the right eye and the two men fell to the floor, both throwing punches.

Mr Owen was later treated for his injuries at the Princess of Wales Hospital and an x-ray revealed a fractured jaw.

When arrested, Williams claimed he had acted in self defence.

Paul Hewitt, representing Williams, who was unable to enter the dock because he walked with the aid of crutches, said he was awaiting an operation.

"It was excessive self defence. He went over the top, as it were."

Judge Michael Burr told Williams: "You pleaded guilty during the course of the trial. I have read the background and you are clearly suffering from considerable discomfort and disability."

He said the injuries Mr Owen suffered were unpleasant.

He added: "It is accepted it all started as a two-way involvement."

Cheaper bus travel for 16 to 18-year-olds

YOUNG people aged 16 to 18 can sign up for a new discounted travel pass that lets them save a third off the price of an adult bus fare.

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Money talks as Bridgend Athletic lose out to big-spending Merthyr

BRIDGEND Athletic RFC made the journey to ambitious, big-spending Merthyr with a modicum of confidence and self-belief that they could ruffle a few feathers in front of the Scrum V cameras before the new giant was fully awake.

Merthyr recruited well in the close season and are hard at work in order to meet the 'A' licence criteria set by the WRU to progress to the Premier Division.

Merthyr kicked off on a fine day with little wind and the return kick fell to the Merthyr captain Andy Powell.

The former Wales and British Lions star made one of his trademark surging runs into the visitors' half to provide the momentum that his team needed to attack. A penalty soon resulted but the kick from 40m out by fly-half Dean Gunter sailed wide.

Scott Govan's restart pushed the Ironmen back but another strong run by Powell forced another penalty at the breakdown.

This time Gunter kicked for the corner and a well-ordered catch and drive saw Powell grab his team's first points with a try that went unconverted.

Although dwarfed by their much bigger opponents, the Athletic

pack were fighting for every inch of ground. Skipper Sean Williams and the ever-combative Ben Howe were outstanding at the breakdown and the front row of Matt Muir, Wayne Fooks and hooker Nathan Holman battled manfully at scrum time.

When under pressure, the ageless Griff Davies carried the ball forward at every opportunity with dogged support from Tom Penry-Ellis and Darren Deguara.

Thus it was not until 22 minutes had gone that Merthyr scored again. A midfield break from a lineout allowed the home team to penetrate the defence and crisp passing resulted in former Celtic Warriors centre David Bishop scoring wide out on the left. This was not converted.

With 10 minutes to go in the half, the Athletic turned over ball at the lineout on half-way and Merthyr scrum-half, Rhys Downes, pounced on a flicked pass from his hooker to nip down the touchline.

He found his halfback partner Gunter in support and he beat the despairing cover for a try close to the sticks which full back Matthew Jarvis converted.

The remainder of the half belonged to the Ath. A series of powerful runs and a penalty award had them camped on the home line. Ruck after ruck was won and surge after surge was made by the pack but the Merthyr defence held out to half-

time despite giving a further penalty away when the ball was turned over in the tackle.

Dan Apsee replaced Deguara at half-time and good early pressure on the Merthyr 10-metre line resulted in a penalty. Scrum half Jakob Williams tapped quickly and broke through the defence.

As he was being tackled, he found Ben Howe on his shoulder and the flanker crashed over to open the Athletic's account.

Minutes later Merthyr were able to cancel out that effort when another penalty was kicked to the corner and this time flanker Osian Davies gained the touchdown which Jarvis converted.

At this point, the Athletic were conceding ground and penalties and were also unable to ensure good ball at either the scrum or lineout.

This meant that the threequarter line of Chris Price, Ryan Owen, Lewis Evans and Alex Fenton were always up against it behind and full back Mike Hathaway had to concentrate on defensive duties.

From another driving lineout the Ironmen scored again. This time, after sucking in the defence, Gunter kicked crossfield where Jarvis outjumped the defence, stepped inside and scored near the posts. He duly converted his try.

Big former youth prop Zach Evans replaced Fooks and scrum-half Jacopo Tomaselli

replaced Eaton with Jake Williams moving to the wing but a missed touch resulted in Merthyr spinning the ball wide, where wing Dan Parry squeezed in for a try that Jarvis again converted.

Matthew Bennett replaced Griff Davies and Lee Murphy came on for Holman but it was Merthyr who had the final word when a breakout by the Athletic spilled the ball and Jarvis took a scoring pass out wide.

This he converted to take his own personal

tally to 20 points and making the final score Merthyr 45, Athletic 5.

Despite the result there should be no despondence in the Athletic camp.

They fought manfully against bigger and more experienced opponents and have a chance to put things right next Saturday when Llanharan are the visitors to the Bridgend Ford Brewery Field, where the Athletic are playing the majority of their home matches this season.

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Out and About with The GEM

Lib Dem advice surgeries

WELSH Liberal Democrat Assembly Member for south Wales west, Peter Black, will hold advice surgeries on Friday, September 11 at Pencoed Library (2pm-3pm) and Porthcawl Library (3.30pm-4.30pm).

No appointment is necessary.

Dyfan Councillors' surgery

AN advice surgery will

be held on Saturday, September 12, by Dyfan Ward councillors Claire Curtis and Anthony Powell at Buttrills Community Centre on North Walk, Barry from 10am – 11am. No appointment is necessary.

Advice surgery

RESIDENTS are invited to attend an advice surgery at the Community Room, The County Library, King Square, Barry from 11am until 12 midday on Saturday,

September 12, to discuss any council issues or concerns with councillors Dr Ian Johnson, Steffan Wiliam, Nic Hodges and Shirley Hodges. No appointments are necessary.

Choir needs singers!

THE choir of Barry All Saints requires singers to continue its choral tradition.

New choir master, James Bull, reported that tenors and basses are in short supply.

The choir practices on Wednesday evenings

at 7pm and sings the parish services on a Sunday. Plans for the future include a visit to Llandaff Cathedral and other venues.

For further information, contact James Bull at allsaintsmusic@sky.com

Merched y Wawr

A REMINDER that the first meeting of the season of Merched y Wawr (a Welsh speaking ladies' group) takes place on

Monday, September 14, at 7.30pm at the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge. The topic of the evening is 'A Treasure'.

New members welcome, for further details, call 01656 766967.

Nodyn i'ch atgoffa fod cyfarfod cyntaf y tymor o Merched y Wawr yn cymryd lle ar Ddydd Llun, Medi 14 am 7.30 y nos yn Y Neuadd Lai, Y Bonfaen. Thema'r noswaith yw 'Trysor'. Croeso cynnes i aelodau newydd. Manylion pellach 01656 766967.

NFU Cymru meeting

LOCAL farmers are

invited to the next Glamorgan NFU Cymru county meeting on Tuesday, September 15, at St Mary's Hill Hotel and Golf Club, Pencoed.

Starting at 7.30pm, John Davies, deputy president of NFU Cymru, will outline the latest developments on CAP, the Wales RDP and the work of the union in terms of promoting Welsh lamb and milk this summer.

Abi Reader, Glamorgan NFU Cymru county chairman, said: "We are extremely grateful to John Davies for agreeing to come and speak at the meeting. With so much happening in the industry at present, I would encourage you all to come along to get the latest news."

"It is open to all members and I hope we get a good turnout."

Library events

THE following events are taking place at Cowbridge library:

Digital drop-ins – if you need help with your iPad, tablet or other device, go to

Cowbridge library on Fridays from 2pm–5pm for help and advice.

Road Dahl Night – September 16 (5pm–6.30pm) for children aged five plus, £3 per child. Booking essential; call the library on 01446 773941.

Storytime on Wednesdays from 2pm–2.30pm, for ages 0 to four (free).

Cool Crafts is back this Saturday, September 12, 11.30am–12.30pm. For children aged five plus, £2 per session. Booking recommended.

Ward surgery

LABOUR Vale of Glamorgan and Barry Town councillors for Castletand Ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake, Les Sword and Karl Kuhnell, will be holding their monthly

advice surgery on Saturday, September 12, at the Drop In Centre, Castletand Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry from 10.30am until 12pm.

No appointment necessary. Contact Coun Chris Elmore on 01446 450007, 07867 506 11, or email celmore@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Coffee

mornings

THE National Autistic Society's Cardiff and the Vale branch will hold coffee mornings at Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, CF62 8DN at 10.30am-12pm on the following dates: September 12, October 10; November 14; December 12.

The branch website is at www.cardiffandvaleautisn.org.uk. For further information, email nascardiff@nas.org.uk.

Wick table top sale

A TABLE top sale will

take place in Wick village hall on Church Street, Wick on Saturday September 26.

Doors open 10am until 2pm. Tables £5; to hire, telephone Jen on 01446 713110.

Cowbridge Scout jumble

COWBRIDGE Scout group will hold its annual jumble sale on Saturday, September 19, from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Scout Hall, cattle market site.

Leaflets will be dropping through many Cowbridge doors this week; if you have jumble to be collected but don't get a leaflet, contact cowbridgescoutgroup@outlook.com

There will be clothes, books, games, household goods,

furniture, bric-a-brac – something for everyone!

Forte concert for Ghana charity

LOCAL group Forte will perform on Friday, September 25 at 7.30pm in the parish hall, Dinas Powys in a concert hosted by Mark Thompson and featuring songs from musicals and films. Bar available on the night.

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STRAIGHT OUTTA COMPTON IS A GRITTY, ENTERTAINING BIOPIC...

THE emergence of the group NWA in 1988 was a watershed, as the group gave a voice to their community, detailing the issues of living in near poverty and with

the constant threat of police harassment and violence in their hometown of Compton, finding an audience across the world.

With the band having such a seismic influence on music, a biopic is hardly surprising, and

Straight Outta Compton tells how the group, led by Ice Cube (O'Shea Jackson Jr), Dr Dre (Corey Hawkins) and Eazy-E (Jason Mitchell) emerged from the streets and revolutionised hip-hop...

Music biopics are always far more interested in the fall than the rise; there's not much mileage in telling the story of a musician or musicians partying, writing songs that the whole world sings and generally having a whale of a time.

Much more interesting is the way that it all falls apart, how money, power and ego demolish seemingly unbreakable bonds as things all go wrong.

In F Gary Gray's take on the NWA, it's definitely the fall that proves to be the richer story to tell; their rise is detailed almost too conveniently, full of lightbulb moments ("Eazy, you try rapping", the actions of over-zealous police inspiring their call to arms) as the group rise to fame and fortune with nary a misstep.

However, as Spiderman's uncle Ben reminded us, with great power comes great

responsibility, and the group learn that being spokespeople for a section of society comes with the pitfalls, especially when it comes to angering the boys in blue.

In light of recent events in America, the subject of police brutality and excessive force in relation to the black community is rather prescient, and ... *Compton* doesn't shy away from highlighting the actions of the police and their treatment of the band, one scene outside a recording studio showing the police's despicable profiling attitude.

Unsurprisingly, there is a lot to fit in, and if on the surface the near two-and-a-half hour running time seems overlong, in actuality the film is perfectly paced. While all of the group played pivotal roles in their success, the focus lays on the triumvirate of Ice Cube, Dr Dre and Eazy-E, and the script gives these players plenty of narrative space as they come together, make history and then fall into recriminations and errors of judgement.

The performances are excellent; not only do they look like the

people they are portraying, but they capture the essence of that person. While O'Shea Jackson Jr has the advantage of being Ice Cube's real-life son, he captures the formidable, 'not to be messed with' personality the star shows and has made a living from.

Corey Hawkins, as the musical brains behind the rapping brawn, delivers a likeable and stoic turn as Dr Dre, while the emotional through line of the film belongs to Jason Mitchell's wonderfully nuanced turn as Eazy-E; as his character veers from hustler to unlikely rapper to music mogul to losing all he's worked for, Mitchell plays the man rather than the caricature, and the saddening payoff for Eazy-E is all the more real thanks to Mitchell's turn.

The film does have the odd shortcoming; while a bold telling of their tale, the fact that the band are producers behind the film means that there's often only one point of view being told, while some of the group's less than salubrious choices are highlighted as being

glamorous rather than sleazy or sexist.

It seems the sexism issue is the one that the majority of critics have taken tack with, but it needs to be taken within the context of the story being told. While the film certainly isn't gender balanced (wives and girlfriends being nothing more than background performers, the misogyny, intentional or otherwise, of the group), it is a story of five young black men essentially being given free reign to do as they please.

Canny enough to broadly appeal to those not 100 per cent au fait with their output, *Straight Outta Compton* is a gritty, entertaining and ultimately cautionary tale of having it all and seeing it slip through your hands, and young male friendship. While the success of Dr Dre and Ice Cube shows they had the talent to make it without the group, the film can't help but make you feel like there was more to be said by the NWA.

VERDICT: Following the biopic template but giving grit and personality, *Straight Outta Compton* is a superb telling of the

rise and fall of NWA. Highlighting their significance on hip hop and music, but never overplaying it, it's a wonderful piece of work that covers a lot in two and a half hours.

Recommended.
SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: 8 Mile (2003), Ray (2004).



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Cerdd Dant set for the Green Room

ON Friday, September 18 at 8pm, there will be a special evening of harp playing and Welsh language recitation in Sustainable Wales's Green Room, 5 James Street, Porthcawl, CF36 3BG.

Led by Carys Evans, who administers the Porthcawl Cerdd Dant (string music) group, the evening promises to be an outstanding musical and literary occasion.

Entrance on the door is £3 and everyone is welcome, whether Welsh-speaking or not.

For Sustainable Wales, Robert Minhinick said: "This is the first event in our new Green Room

series, which will include book launches and celebrations.

"Carys Evans is a great admirer of harpist and writer Twm Morys, and Twm himself will be appearing at events in Ty Carnegie, Bridgend, on November 13, and in Llangynwyd on November 14, at events organized by Sustainable Wales.

"Twm will playing his adaptations of 'tribannau' - Welsh language poems traditionally associated with Glamorgan. September 18 at the Green Room is the start of an exciting series that will last into 2016."

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There's nothing worse than dithering over a decision and missing out on the right venue.

This is often the case when it comes to the most established venues that have established a good reputation.

There is a lot to be said for a group of

trusted individuals taking charge, to ensure an early decision.

How often does everyone in a family – or in an office – get together to discuss a particular issue?

Another good reason for making an early start to your deliberations is that it will give time for some research.

Someone can go along to the venue and ask questions, or make a call to find out what's planned at Christmas.

What other things should be considered?

Christmas Day is on a Friday this year.

What day is best for colleagues in a workplace or for your family?

What time should be booked – bearing

in mind people might be travelling to a restaurant.

If people are drinking, how are you organising the journey back home so that people don't have to drive?

Of course, there are venues with overnight accommodation which means a relaxing morning the next day with breakfast before setting off.

One thing that makes things easier for party planners is that here in the Vale and Bridgend, there is a wealth of choice, with venues for any type of Christmas do.

In terms of eating out, standards are high because there is so much competition. If a dinner dance is the choice, then there are several hotels that

offer just that.

If a meal in pleasant surroundings is the aim, then you can find good food everywhere, in a variety of settings, ranging from a traditional pub to a trendy bistro or tapas bar.

A number of places do outside catering, so it is even possible to find your own venue, and then employ a specialist to provide a great culinary experience.

In terms of post-meal entertainment, the Vale and Bridgend are exceptionally well provided.

For those so inclined, finishing off the evening with live music is quite possible, if you plan ahead.

There are country

pubs where you can 'while away' the rest of the evening,

perhaps in front of a real fire in the bar.

In fact, a bit of research should be able to establish which places offer bands and music.

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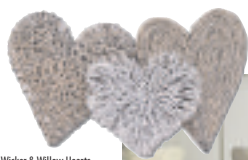
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HELP THE YOUNG TO REMEMBER FALLEN

I WOULD like to appeal to all businesses for help in providing or sponsoring a Poppy wreath for a young person to lay at one of this year's Remembrance events to mark Armistice Day.

This year we have marked the Galipoli anniversary, VE Day anniversary, VJ Day and just recently, the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

It is important to encourage young people to remember these events, and the many that will be marked over the next three years from the World War One conflict. This can happen with your help and support so that these events will live on and continue to be remembered.

In Barry alone, there are 500 young people in Scouting. Many of our former Scouts made the ultimate sacrifice in these conflicts.

As Group Scout Leader of the 11th Barry Sea

Don't lose sight of a regular check-up

I AM writing to ask your readers to look after their eyes: this September marks the sixth year of National Eye Health Week (September 21-27); every day in Wales, nearly three people lose their sight, but 50 per cent of sight loss is avoidable with early detection and treatment.

The most important thing people can do to look after their eyes is to go for regular sight tests. Research shows that more than one in 10 of us have never had our eyes tested.

Sight is the sense that people fear losing most, yet many of us don't know the best way to look after our eyes.

We want to change that.

Many people think a sight test is just about checking whether your

vision needs correcting with glasses or contact lenses. But there are other important reasons to have a sight test.

A regular sight test can help detect eye conditions before you notice the effect on your sight, including health conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

NHS eye tests are free for people aged 60 plus years, for children, for those on income related benefit, and those at risk of eye disease because of a family history.

Having a sight test with an optometrist at least once every two years should be part of everyone's health care routine.

So this National Eye Health Week – look after your eyes and make sure you book you and your family in for an eye test!

Ceri Jackson,
RNIB Cymru Director
and Chair of the
National Eye Health
Week Wales advisory
group.

Scouts and on behalf of the Royal British Legion (Barry), I am appealing to businesses or companies to get behind this appeal and sponsor a wreath or wreaths which could be laid on behalf of the company by a young person from the town.

For more information, contact
GSL@11thbarryscouts.org.uk or
teresa.rbl@btinternet.com.

Bryan Foley,
Barry.

'Council should have come clean'

CARRYING on from the Vale Council's ridiculous plans to bring in parking charges on several sites in the Vale of Glamorgan, the question must be asked, do these councillors have a clue what they are doing?

The Vale Council has once again brought in rules and regulations without consulting anyone else – it now seems that it has agreed to consult traders, but I think it's a bit late for that.

The traders must be congratulated on their

stand on this. Coun Gwyn John, as the main spokesman for this idea, should be taken to task over comments he made a couple of weeks ago.

Then, he stated that the reason for these parking charges was not monetary-driven.

Last week, he stated that the idea of giving a free period of parking was considered, but this would lose up to £190k of the £290k higher estimated income figure, and that the council had to save £25 million over the next three years.

Why didn't he come clean from the outset?

DJ Radford,
Barry.

Ready, steady ...SPEAK?

I READ with interest the article headed 'Public can have their say' and that the Vale's public rights of way committee would sit on September 10.

I first raised the issue of the public being allowed to address public rights of way some seven years ago.

I have, therefore, waited 3,679,200 minutes for three minutes speaking time.

Guess I will have to learn to speak fast – it would seem I have plenty of time to do so, because the meeting on the 10th has been cancelled!

Karen Gallimore,
Focus Barry supporter.

Curling, cakes, coal and coffee!

VICE-president Jill Jones welcomed members and visitors to the meeting of Rhoose WI on September 3 where members were reminded that there will be an evening meal instead of lunch club on September 22, at the Three Horseshoes, Moulton, (7pm).

Skittles will resume on September 18 at Rhoose Social Club at 2pm and craft club re-opens on September 23 at 2pm at 5 Odyn's Fee.

On September 17, Rhoose WI will continue its 70th anniversary celebration with an afternoon of 'Curling and Cakes' at the Community Hall from 2pm until 5pm. Members

will attend the Link Centenary evening celebration on September 25 at 6.30pm at the Village Hall, St Athan.

Participants are asked to wear costume depicting any decade from the 100 year life of the WI. Four members will also take part in the GFWI quiz at the Hi-Tide Inn, Porthcawl, on the 15th.

Business concluded, the speaker for the evening, Rosemary Scaddon, gave a talk on the Insole family of Cardiff.

Having made their fortune from coal, the Insoles built their house at Llandaff – successive generations extending the building.

Having spent recent years being used for various community activities, Insole

Court is now being restored and hopefully will open to the public in due course. Barbara Goodway thanked Ms Scaddon for her talk.

A vote of thanks from the floor was then given to Glenys Watson for the sumptuous afternoon tea she recently provided at her cafe, Coffee Time.

Finally, the competition winners were announced – Jan Dally winning the monthly competition and Karen Jones the raffle.

The next meeting of the WI will be on October 1 at 7.30pm in the Community Hall, Stewart Road, when members and visitors are invited to a quiz night.

GEOFF WAS BORN ON A SPECIAL DAY IN HISTORY... Battle of Britain Day, September 15 – and why, as a nation, we must never forget it!

ON Tuesday, September 15, 'Battle of Britain Day' will celebrate the 75th anniversary of one of this nation's greatest victories – a triumph against overwhelming odds.

It will be marked by a number of events throughout the country including a flypast of 40 Spitfires and Hurricanes at Goodwood Aerodrome.

One man from Llantwit Major has a special connection to the battle through his father and is keen that people today remember the importance of a critical battle in the Second World War.

Geoff Mortimer (75) told The GEM: "On Battle of Britain Day in 1940 my father Les was on a launch in the Thames Estuary rescuing men shot down during the battle.

"There were British, French, Australians, Poles – and Germans. He had to pick them up in the estuary and take them to shore."

Les told Geoff that he'd "wrap them up in a blanket and give them a cup of tea" before getting them safely back to land.

Geoff asked what happened to the Germans. "My father said he'd wrap them up in a blanket, give them a cup of tea and get them back to shore!"

"My father was a very humane bloke. They were only kids – 16 and 17-year-olds. Ninety per cent of them didn't want to be in the war."

The Germans were thankful they were on their way to a prisoner-of-war camp because their propaganda machine had warned them not to get captured because they might face ill-treatment.

by TIM CHAPMAN

Battle of Britain Day is September 15 (next Tuesday) because on that date in 1940 the Luftwaffe launched its largest attack against London in the hope of drawing out the RAF into a battle of annihilation. Around 1,500 aircraft took part in the air battles which lasted until dusk.

Geoff was born on that very day! "My mother sent Dad a telegram which took 10 days to reach him."

Winston Churchill named the battle before it even took place.

He said: "What General Weygand has called The Battle of France is over. The battle of Britain is about to begin. Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilisation."

The Allied airmen prevented Germany from gaining air supremacy forcing Hitler to postpone Operation Sea Lion, a planned amphibious and airborne invasion of Britain.

Of course, Les's work with the Special Boat Squadron also involved recovering bodies from the Thames Estuary not just pilots who had survived.

In the aftermath of the Battle of Britain, there was still a real fear of invasion and Les joined the RAF Regiment on the south coast, commanding a platoon.

Geoff said: "He gave strict instructions to his men, who were expecting Jerry, to issue the challenge 'Friend or foe?'. They had one chance to respond.

"The idea was that if they were a friend they could advance with their hands in the air. If not they could be shot.

"It led to one or two amusing incidents at night. One bloke shot a cow. Another shot a tree stump insisting it had moved!"

Festival showcase for local authors

AS part of this year's week of events, the Penarth Book Festival will be hosting a 'Local Author Showcase'.

The showcase will give local published and self-published authors the opportunity to meet the public and share their work and writing process.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 17 at the main hall, All Saints' Church, Penarth between 10am and 12 noon. Entry to the event will be free.

Local authors interested in taking part should contact the festival for an application form by emailing info@penarthbookfestival.org.uk. The deadline for applications is Monday, September 14.

FAY BLAKELEY



Les Mortimer...



...and today, Geoff his son.

"In the barracks when the sirens rang out, the men were meant to get under the bed to protect themselves from falling masonry.

"My father's corporal once complained about the sirens and didn't want to get out of bed. When he did another soldier was already under it!"

During the war Geoff's mother Winnie lived in Burton and took in evacuees from London, a mother and her son.

Geoff's father came from the nearby village of Overseale.

"My father died at the age of 47 of kidney failure. I was just 17. I'd just reached the age when we were doing things together. My grandfather was the churchwarden in Overseale and my father is buried at the church there."

Les was awarded two medals: the 'World War Two Medal' and the 'Defence Medal'.

Sadly Geoff, who came to Wales 37 years ago and worked for Access and Nat West, doesn't know what happened to the medals.

He's a big supporter of the RAF Benevolent Flag Day, loves the distinctive sound of the Rolls-

Royce Merlin engine which powered Spitfires and Hurricanes, and is proud of his father's Second World War service.

He insists that summer and autumn of 1940 must never be forgotten, adding: "If we had lost, we would be speaking German now."

Wedding fayre at The Bear

THE Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, in conjunction with Eternity with Love, will hold a wedding fayre on Sunday, September 13 between 11am and 4pm.

"The wedding fayre is an ideal opportunity for brides and grooms to view our beautiful venue and meet our wedding coordinators," a spokeswoman said.

"People can get some amazing ideas from the many wedding exhibitors on the day."

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Select candidates at open primary

BRIDGEND 0330 0101403. They must be on the electoral register for Bridgend. People can also apply by e-mailing info@welshconservative.com. Only those people who have registered will be admitted to the meeting. The closing date for registration is Sunday, September 13.

The candidates are: Dan Boucher, George Jabbour and Carolyn Webster. Information on the candidates will be available on the night. Doors open at 6.30pm and the primary gets under way at 7pm.

Anyone wishing to take part can apply to register and should ring

NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 12 ST BRIDES-SUPER-ELY) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2015



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A copy of the order and the order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

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'Tony is gone, but never forgotten by his friends and family'

My son, Tony Brown, passed away on September 19, 2010, and a special event was recently held in his memory at Maslin Park, and the Tadross Hotel hosted people afterwards.



I want to say a big thank you to my granddaughter, Ceri Greenslade, and Tony's good friends, Andrew Harris and Dai Richards, for organising the event on Sunday, August 30. It was a great fun day with an enjoyable

football match at Maslin Park. His wonderful friends did him proud and were joined by my grandson, Carter, and his lovely friends – both young and old put their hearts into it.

A huge thank you to them all.
Thank you to Nina

Estate Agents for kindly sponsoring the t-shirts and to my granddaughter, Emma Evritt, for her clever design.

Thank you also to the Tadross Hotel for their kindness and the wonderful evening they put on.

Last, but certainly not least, a huge thanks to those who donated wonderful prizes for the raffle which raised a total of £1,000. Proceeds will go to cancer research at Velindre Hospital.

Grateful thanks to all concerned.
Joyce Hawkins, Barry (Tony's Mum)

Welsh companies show Great Taste!

TWO Welsh companies are celebrating – after winning top UK food awards.

The Great Taste Awards, referred to as the 'Oscars of the food world', were held in London. Apple County Cider Company scooped the Golden Fork from Wales award and Ty Tanglwyst Dairy received the Nigel Barden Heritage Award.

Having already been awarded three stars by the Great Taste for its Viberie medium dry cider, Apple County Cider Company, the Monmouthshire-based producer, is now celebrating a further honour.



From left: John Farrand of the Guild of Fine Food, Duncan Hider of Hider Foods, Rhys and John Lougher of Ty Tanglwyst Dairy and Nigel Barden.

Ty Tanglwyst Dairy of Pyle, near Bridgend, picked up the Nigel Barden Heritage Award, as well as earning three stars for their salted butter. They previously won awards at the Great Taste with their double cream and butter.

The traditional Welsh family-run farm based in Pyle has a modern dairy and functions all year round to ensure that customers receive the

best – but more than that, it has given our businesses the springboard for future success and enabled us to position Wales as a serious food destination.

Deputy Minister for Farming and Food Rebecca Evans AM, felt the awards reflected the strength of the food and drink industry in Wales.

"We all know how high the quality of Welsh food and drink is and it is important the sector is recognised for its work. Having the awards judged on home soil for the first time has helped

THERE'S ALWAYS A GOOD REASON TO LEARN WELSH!

FOUR learners with four very different reasons for learning Welsh won awards at the Welsh for Adults Cardiff and the Vale Award ceremony.

Rosie Berry, who won the overall Learner of the Year Award – the Chris Rees Tribute Award 2015, said: "I learnt Welsh because my son was going to a Welsh-speaking school, but after a while, I realised that I loved the challenge of learning Welsh for myself, so I continued to do so. I speak Welsh every single day now which is great!"

Huw Morris, who won the Entry Level Award, said:

"Originally, I started learning Welsh as a hobby, but now it really helps in the workplace too. My favourite thing about learning Welsh is my tutor Mari Jones and my classmates, they're great!"

Huw Marshall who won the Foundation Level award said: "I'm learning Welsh to speak to my children and I want to understand everything on S4C! I also work in a Welsh primary school twice a week and I absolutely love speaking Welsh to my little friends in the classroom."

Daniel Carter, who won the Intermediate Level and who is originally from Cornwall, said: "When I moved to Wales in 2012,

I kept thinking, what's the meaning of these words on the road signs and how do I pronounce them? I was hearing the language too and so I thought I should start learning. Now I'm hooked and go to every social Welsh event I can find!"

There's always a reason to learn Welsh, what's yours?
To find out more information on how to learn Welsh and to order a prospectus which includes all of the different kinds of courses starting all over Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan in September, contact us: www.learnwelsh.co.uk; 02920 874710 info@learnwelsh.co.uk.

Get back on track – and gain skills for a new start!

A BRAND new programme of free 'Get Back on Track' courses has been launched across the Vale.

The courses have been provided by the Vale Adult Education Service, in partnership with a wide range of providers including Jobcentre plus, Communities First and other learning and training providers.

The new prospectus is now available with a wide range of short courses and workshops designed to help people get back on track and gain useful skills. The courses are free to those eligible and a free crèche is available at some centres.

Support is available for anyone who needs help with job search, registering for universal job match, and using internet and emails.

Weekly workclubs will be run throughout the Vale, along with computer skills workshops offering the chance to learn the basic ICT skills that you will need in almost any workplace, or you can progress to further ICT courses in Powerpoint, Excel, or pc maintenance. You can gain an Agored, OCR or even an ECDL qualification.

A range of free workshops are available to help produce a good CV and covering letter that will attract the attention of employers, or you can get help and support to fill in application forms.

Interview skills workshops running at both Barry and Penarth Jobcentres help prepare you for that all-important interview.

Whether you are looking for employment, or volunteering opportunities, some

short Workwise courses will help prepare you for the workplace and give you some confidence. If you want to work in retail, hospitality, carpentry, care or customer service roles, some new short Workwise courses will help brush up your skills and enhance your CV.

Short courses in British sign language and lip reading are also useful communication skills for the workplace.

If you are only just

thinking about returning to learning and not sure yet what you want to do, there are a range of First Steps courses to try new skills, build confidence and consider other opportunities. Subjects include creative textiles, sewing machine skills, upcycling furniture and gardening.

Reading, writing and maths are essential skills that help you get on in work and life in general. If you want to improve your skills or if you

don't have any qualifications, then this is the place to start.

Classes at all levels are available at the Open Learning Centre. You can start at any time and attend when it suits you, either day or evening.

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AS briefly reported in last week's Glamorgan GEM, on Sunday, August 30 in Southerndown, more than 400 people attended the bi-annual Funday and Companion Dog Show in aid of Great Dane Care.

The event was organised by Sarah Richardson of Bark Avenue Grooming, her family and friends.

The previous event held two years ago raised nearly £1,700; it was hoped that this year they would top it.

Little did they think that they would exceed their expectations and raise over £2,500 for this worthy cause, to rescue unwanted and abused Great Danes.

The hard working team of friends and relations worked well together to make sure the day was a huge success and everyone enjoyed themselves.

There were several stalls ranging from tombolas, to cakes for humans and biscuits for dogs, teas and coffees – all run by volunteers.

The hard working cooks were kept busy serving burgers and hotdogs.

There was even a photo booth so that people could take home a photo from the day.

One of the helpers, Arwyn Evans, had been selected to sing in a choir being formed by Wynne Evans, the tenor and Go Compare man, who was making a television series with S4C about the formation of the choir.

Wynne kindly came to the event with his television crew and they filmed several pieces at the show, starting with Wynne learning to line dance with dogs.

He was ably schooled by Sue and David Lindsay who had very kindly opened their gardens for the charity event.

Together with 20 other people, he was led by a young Great Dane puppy to learn the 'dozy

doh' and 'promenade', much to the enjoyment of the watching crowds.

The judge of the pedigree classes was Sue Thompson, of the world famous Ashgate West Highland White Terriers. The puppy class had some 20 plus dogs in it, and the numbers kept on coming in the subsequent classes. Richard Morris judged the novelty classes at very short notice.

Engraved glassware was kindly donated by Sheena Booth of a Touch of Glass for Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show (pedigree classes) and Best in Show (novelty classes). Sheena had also kindly donated glassware for the raffle. Best in Show (pedigree classes) went to a Giant Schnauzer and Best Puppy in Show (pedigree classes), a Bullmastiff.

Jagger and Woody from Heart FM breakfast Show also came to the show and provided excellent publicity for the event on their show and helped to increase the number of people attending.

They stayed for several hours encouraging people to participate in the different events.

The Southern Newfoundland Club sent its agility team, who set out a course for people and dogs to try and it proved extremely popular.

Sarah Richardson of Bark Avenue Grooming, the main organiser of the event, would like to say a very grateful thank you to all those who helped so much with kind donations and prizes.

Liz and Gordon Davies who run Great Dane Care were given the proceeds on Tuesday, so that it can be put to good use as soon as possible.

If you wish to see the pictures of the event, go to FB page: [GDCofW](https://www.facebook.com/GDCofW) with Bark Avenue Funday & Companion Dog Show.

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Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for September 7:

The autumn sims – 1st, Simon Richards & Julian Pottage 70.20%; 2nd, Liam Sheridan & John Beard 66.92%; 3rd, Tony Ratcliff & Mark Roderick 64.58.



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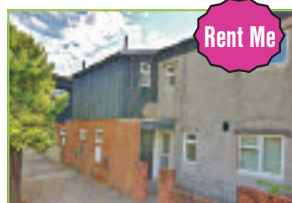


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Cowbridge £285,000

Extended and improved three bedroom semi-detached house with easy access to the Town Centre. Excellent accommodation with three receptions, kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms, family bathroom and an en-suite. Enclosed rear garden with hard stand parking. EPC Rating – D



Graig Penllyn £480,000

Detached 19th Century extended cottage set within mature gardens and woodland. Accommodation includes three reception rooms, conservatory, kitchen, utility room, shower room/WC, four bedrooms and family bathroom. Double garage. Driveway parking. EPC Rating – F



Bonvilston £525,000

Beautifully presented Georgian influenced modern detached house with well proportioned accommodation including three reception rooms and four double bedrooms with master en-suite. Detached garage, driveway parking, wrap around lawned garden. Viewing essential. EPC rating – C



Pendoylan £625,000

Substantial detached property set within generous grounds with paddocks and boasts excellent accommodation with three reception rooms, kitchen/ breakfast area, garden room, utility area, four bedrooms (two with en-suite bathrooms) and family bathroom. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this fantastic property. EPC Rating – F



Moulton £750,000

Well presented detached family home situated in a rural setting near Llancafarn. Accommodation includes four reception rooms, kitchen, utility, cloaks, Four double bedrooms, bathroom, dressing room and an en-suite. Gardens and grounds extending to approx 2.89 acres. Double garage. EPC Rating - D



Llanmaes £415,000

Deceptively spacious, detached house with well proportioned accommodation including lounge, conservatory, dining room, study, kitchen-breakfast room, a large utility room and cloakroom/WC, four double bedrooms, plus a family bathroom. Driveway parking and integral, double garage. Lawned front garden and a sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating-E



Llanmaes £599,000

A spacious residence with gardens and pasture land extending to approx 5.5 acres, set in a semi-rural location with convenient access to main roads. Hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room, utility room, four bedrooms, an en-suite shower room and a bathroom. Sizeable attic (approx 65ft long). Detached building used as a snooker/games room with workshop. EPC Rating – E



Penmark £435,000

An Individually designed detached house situated in an attractive Vale village. Well presented accommodation with two reception rooms, dining hall and four bedrooms, family bathroom and two en-suites. Twin garage. Rear garden with southerly orientation. EPC Rating – D



Cefn Cribwr £499,500

An attractive cottage, with accommodation including a wealth of character features, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, utility, shower room, three sizeable bedrooms, with potential to create a 4th bedroom, family bathroom. Mature gardens, stable block, pasture land and ground extending to approximately 4 acres and enjoying some spectacular, far reaching views. EPC Rating – F



Bridgend £220,000

A traditional, semi-detached house, in the popular residential area of Ewenny Rd, Bridgend, within level walking distance of the town centre. Well proportioned accommodation comprising two living rooms, kitchen/dining room, downstairs cloakroom three bedrooms and two shower rooms. Front and rear garden. EPC Rating – D



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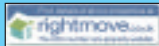


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NEW

CASTELLAND STREET, BARRY
 • MID TERRACED
 • THREE BEDROOMS
 • THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
 • SOME ORIGINAL FEATURES
 • CLOSE TO SHOPS, SCHOOLS & TRAIN STATION • LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN
 • WELL PRESENTED • EPC = E
£129,950

NEW

COLLARD CRESCENT, BARRY
 • WELL PRESENTED SEMI DETACHED
 • LIVING ROOM • DINING ROOM
 • FITTED KITCHEN
 • THREE BEDROOMS
 • W.C CLOAKROOM
 • DRIVEWAY & GARAGE
 • VIEWING RECOMMENDED
£159,950

NEW

WINCHESTER CLOSE, BARRY
 • MODERN MID TERRACED
 • WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
 • LIVING ROOM • REPLACEMENT
 • W.C/SHOWER ROOM • 3 BEDROOMS
 • FAM. BATHROOM • LOW MAINTENANCE
 • PATIO GARDEN • REAR PARKING
 • ACCESSIBLE FROM REAR • ER = C
£122,500

NEW

HARDY CLOSE, BARRY
 • MODERN WELL PRESENTED DETACHED
 • LIVING ROOM • 2014 REPLACEMENT
 • KITCHEN UTILITY ROOM • INTEGRAL
 • GARAGE • 4 BEDROOMS (MASTER
 • ENSUITE) • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
 • SPACIOUS DRIVEWAY
 • VIEWING ESSENTIAL • ER=D
£199,950

NEW

COOK ROAD, BARRY
 • MODERN DETACHED
 • LIVING ROOM • DINING ROOM
 • KITCHEN/DINER
 • CONSERVATORY • 3 BEDROOMS
 • MASTER ENSUITE BATHROOM
 • DRIVEWAY • PARTIAL SEA VIEWS
 • FROM REAR GARDEN • EPC=C
£194,950

NEW

HARBOUR ROAD, BARRY
 • TRADITIONAL MID TERRACE
 • BAY FRONTED • ORIGINAL FEATURES
 • WELL PRESENTED
 • ATTIC ROOM
 • LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN
 • WEST END LOCATION
 • SEA VIEWS • ER=E
£229,950

NEW

NELSON ROAD, BARRY
 • DETACHED DORMA BUNGALOW
 • SPACIOUS DWELLING • 3 BEDROOMS
 • 4 BEDROOMS, 3 RECEPTION ROOMS
 • GROUND FLOOR BEDROOM WITH
 • SHOWER ROOM
 • LARGER THAN AVERAGE GARDEN.
 • GARAGE/DRIVEWAY • ER = D
£234,950

NEW

CAER FFYNNON, BARRY
 • VERSATILE THREE BEDROOM
 • DETACHED PROPERTY
 • LOUNGE & RAISED DINING AREA
 • KITCHEN
 • ENSUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM
£349,950

NEW

PONTYPRIDD ROAD, BARRY
 • SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT
 • TWO BEDROOMS
 • SPACIOUS LIVING ROOM
 • FITTED KITCHEN
 • GARAGE AND AMPLE PARKING
 • IN NEED OF MODERNISING
 • NO CHAIN • EPC = F
£84,950

NEW

LEWIS STREET, BARRY
 • MUCH LOVED SEMI DETACHED
 • THROUGH LIVING ROOM
 • MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
 • W.C. CLOAKROOM • 2 DOUBLE
 • BEDROOMS • LUXURY FITTED BATHROOM
 • SUITE • STAIRS RISING TO HOBBY AREA
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
£139,950

NEW

CASTELLAND STREET, BARRY
 • MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
 • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
 • FITTED KITCHEN
 • THREE BEDROOMS
 • FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
 • MINUTES WALK TO TRAIN STATION
 • VIEWING RECOMMENDED
 • ER=D
£124,950

NEW

GIBBONSDOWN RISE, BARRY
 • MODERN DETACHED
 • LIVING ROOM
 • MODERN KITCHEN/DINER
 • SITTING ROOM (CONVERTED GARAGE)
 • UTILITY ROOM, W.C. CLOAKROOM
 • DRIVEWAY
 • ENCLOSED PRIVATE REAR GARDEN
£189,950

NEW

GLADSTONE ROAD, BARRY
 • TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED
 • PERIOD PROPERTY
 • SPACIOUS THROUGHOUT
 • 2 REC. ROOMS, MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
 • ORIGINAL FEATURES THROUGHOUT
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
 • GARAGE WITH LANE ACCESS • EPC = D
£229,950

NEW

ELAN CLOSE, CWM TALWG, BARRY
 • 24FT LIVING ROOM
 • DINING ROOM
 • KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
 • W.C CLOAKROOM
 • 3 BEDROOMS
 • FAMILY BATHROOM
 • DRIVEWAY/GARAGE • NO CHAIN
£249,950

NEW PRICE

BARRY ROAD, BARRY
 • 24FT LIVING ROOM
 • WELL PRESENTED SPACIOUS DWELLING
 • MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
 • TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS
 • FOUR BEDROOMS
 • 1ST FLR. REPLACEMENT BATHROOM
 • UPVC DG- GCH VIA COMBINATION BOILER
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN • ER=D
£110,000

NEW

GLOUCESTER CLOSE, BARRY
 • MID TERRACED SEMI DETACHED
 • LIVING ROOM • OPEN PLAN
 • KITCHEN/DINER
 • THREE BEDROOMS
 • FAM. BATHROOM
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
 • SIDE ACCESS • NO CHAIN • ER=D
£119,950

NEW

ST OSWALDS ROAD, BARRY
 • MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
 • THROUGH LIVING/DINING
 • REPLACEMENT KITCHEN
 • TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
 • FAMILY BATHROOM
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
 • VIEWING ESSENTIAL • ER=E
£112,500

NEW

CARMARTHEN CLOSE, BARRY
 • DETACHED BUNGALOW
 • TWO BEDROOMS
 • LIVING ROOM
 • 2015 FITTED KITCHEN
 • RE-DECORATED THROUGHOUT
 • ENCLOSED GARDEN
 • GARAGE • ER = D
£159,950

NEW

GLADSTONE ROAD, BARRY
 • BAY FRONTED
 • DETACHED • 3 BEDROOMS
 • ORIGINAL BLOCK FLOORING
 • LIVING ROOM
 • OPEN KITCHEN/DINER
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN • NO CHAIN
 • OFF RD PARKING TO REAR, ER = D
£159,950

NEW

HEOL CORSWIGEN, BARRY
 • SHOWHOME PRESENTED MODERN
 • DETACHED • 3 BEDROOMS
 • DOWNSTAIRS CLOAKROOM
 • SPACIOUS PLOT TO EXTEND (SUBJECT TO
 • PLANNING CONSENT) • MORE THAN AMPLE
 • PARKING • ENCLOSED GARDEN WITH
 • SUMMERHOUSE • ER=C
£179,950

NEW

CASTLE STREET, BARRY
 • THREE BEDROOM
 • MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
 • THROUGH LIVING ROOM
 • FITTED KITCHEN
 • FIRST FLR. BATHROOM
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
 • VIEWING ESSENTIAL • ER = D
£136,000

NEW

COLDBROOK ROAD EAST, BARRY
 • DETACHED BUNGALOW
 • TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
 • COMBINATION BOILER/UPVC DG
 • PRIVATE ENCLOSED GARDEN
 • KITCHEN/DINER • UTILITY ROOM
 • ATTIC/HOBBY ROOM
 • ER = D
£149,950

NEW

EITHINEN BER, BARRY
 • A WELL PRESENTED
 • LUXURY APARTMENT
 • CONTEMPORARY LIVING
 • TWO BEDROOMS
 • W.C. CLOAKROOM
 • LIVING ROOM
 • KITCHEN/DINER
 • FAMILY BATHROOM
 • DRIVEWAY-ENCLOSED GARDEN, ER=D
£173,000

NEW

HEOL SIRHWI, BARRY
 • DETACHED DORMA BUNGALOW
 • VERSATILE LIVING THROUGHOUT
 • GRD FLR, W.C. LIVING ROOM, DINING RM.
 • CONSERVATORY, BEDROOM, UTILITY ROOM
 • INTEGRAL GARAGE • 1ST FLR- TWO
 • FURTHER BEDROOMS, FAM. BATHROOM
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN • EPC = C
£234,950

NEW

WHITEHALL CLOSE, WENVOE
 • VERY WELL PRESENTED
 • DETACHED DORMA BUNGALOW
 • THROUGH LIVING ROOM
 • UTILITY ROOM W.C. CLOAK
 • CONVERTED GARAGE (USED AS
 • BEDROOM) FURTHER 2 BEDROOMS
 • LONGER THAN AV DRIVEWAY • EPC = D
£289,950

NEW

SPRING STREET, BARRY
 • WELL PRESENTED
 • THROUGH LIVING ROOM
 • LIVING/DINING ROOM
 • TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
 • MODERN FAM. BATHROOM
 • LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN
 • VIEWING ESSENTIAL • ER = E
£112,000

NEW

SPENCER STREET, BARRY
 • MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
 • THROUGH LIVING ROOM
 • GROUND FLR. BATHROOM
 • 3 DOUBLE BEDROOMS • ENCLOSED
 • REAR GARDEN • PLACED BETWEEN
 • RICHARD ST & EVANS ST. AMIDST
 • MAIN SHOPPING AREA • EPC = E
£111,950

NEW

HELLAS DRIVE, BARRY
 • MODERN DETACHED DWELLING CONSTRUCTED
 • APPROX. 20 YRS AGO • RECENTLY REFURBISHED
 • THROUGHOUT • W.C. CLOAK • LIVING ROOM
 • KITCHEN/DINER • UTILITY ROOM
 • CONSERVATORY • 4 BEDROOMS WITH MASTER
 • ENSUITE • LUXURY FAMILY BATHROOM
 • GARAGE/PARKING • EPC = D
£294,950

NEW

31C HOLTON ROAD, BARRY
 • GROUND FLOOR
 • LUXURY APARTMENT
 • CONTEMPORARY LIVING
 • TWO BEDROOMS
 • OPEN PLAN KITCHEN
 • LOW MAINTENANCE COURTYARD
 • GARDEN • NO CHAIN
£89,950

NEW

LLEWELYN STREET, BARRY
 • THREE BEDROOMS
 • END TERRACED TRADITIONAL
 • THROUGH LIVING/DINING
 • ENCLOSED COURTYARD REAR
 • UPVC DG & GCH HEATING VIA COMBI
 • WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
 • VIEWING RECOMMENDED • ER=D
£104,950

NEW

CORA STREET, BARRY
 • MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
 • THROUGH LIVING ROOM
 • GROUND FLR. BATHROOM
 • TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
 • W.C. HEATING KITCHEN
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
 • EPC = E
£109,950

NEW

QUEEN STREET, BARRY
 • MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
 • LIVING/DINING ROOM
 • TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
 • UPVC DG-GCH VIA COMBI
 • REPLACEMENT FITTED BATHROOM
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
 • AMIDST SHOPS, SCHOOLS • ER=D
£112,000

NEW

TYDFIL STREET, BARRY
 • MID TERRACED
 • MODERN TRADITIONAL DWELLING
 • THROUGH LIVING ROOM
 • FITTED KITCHEN
 • REPLACEMENT FITTED BATHROOM
 • TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
 • NO CHAIN • ER=D
£114,950

NEW

BELL STREET, BARRY
 • MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
 • STUNNING PRESENTATION
 • RENOVATED THROUGHOUT
 • TWO BEDROOMS
 • LIVING ROOM LEADING TO D. ROOM
 • UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
 • UPVC DG-GCH, VIA COMBI, ER=D
£117,500

NEW

ST AIDENS RISE, BARRY
 • MID LINK MODERN
 • 3 BEDROOMS
 • LIVING ROOM
 • GCH UPVC D/G
 • GARAGE TO REAR
 • ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
 • CLOSE TO SHOPS, NO CHAIN
£104,950

RENTA

HEOL CILFRYDD, BARRY
 • TWO BEDROOM SPACIOUS
 • APARTMENT
 • OPEN PLAN KITCHEN AND LIVING
 • ROOM • FAMILY BATHROOM
 • ELECTRIC HEATING
 • DESIGNATED PARKING
 • NO PETS • NO SMOKERS • NO DSS
£550PCM

RENTA

LAKIN DRIVE, BARRY
 • TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
 • PROPERTY • LOCATED ON HIGHLIGHT
 • PARK • LOUNGE • KITCHEN
 • FAMILY BATHROOM (SHOWER ONLY)
 • DRIVEWAY • REAR GARDEN
 • UNFURNISHED • NO PETS
 • NO SMOKERS • NO DSS • EPC = D
£550PCM

RENTA

COURT MEWS, BARRY
 • SECOND FLOOR ONE BEDROOM
 • APARTMENT
 • OPEN PLAN KITCHEN & LOUNGE
 • BATHROOM
 • DOUBLE BEDROOM
 • COMMUNAL PARKING
 • NO PETS • NO DSS • NO SMOKERS
£475PCM

RENTA

WINDSOR COURT APARTMENTS, BARRY
 • ONE BEDROOM THIRD FLOOR APARTMENT
 • LIFT ACCESS SITUATED IN GRADE 2 LISTED
 • BUILDING • LOUNGE • KITCHEN DINER WITH
 • BUILT IN APPLIANCES • FAMILY BATHROOM
 • VIDEO DOOR ENTRY SYSTEM • COMMUNAL
 • GYMNASIUM • NO PETS • NO SMOKERS
 • NO DSS • EPC = C TO FOLLOW
£500PCM

RENTA

MELVILLE CLOSE, BARRY
 • TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR
 • MAISONNETTE • LOCATED IN QUIET
 • CUL-DE-SAC OFF ROAD
 • LOUNGE • 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
 • BATHROOM • PARKING SPACE
 • ACCESS TO REAR GARDEN
 • NO DSS • NO SMOKERS
£525PCM

RENTA

LLWYNY GOG, RHOSE
 • AVAILABLE FROM MID SEPTEMBER, VIEW NOW
 • VERSATILE FOUR BEDROOM TOWN HOUSE ON
 • RHOSE POINT • FANTASTIC VIEWS OVERLOOKING
 • BRISTOL CHANNEL • 1ST FLOOR LOUNGE • DINING
 • ROOM • KITCHEN WITH FRENCH DOORS TO REAR
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8 CLOS CEFNI, BARRY - £215,000

Semi detached located in west end of Barry. Two reception rooms. Modern fitted kitchen. Cloakroom. Conservatory. Three bedrooms. Enclosed rear garden. Garage and driveway.



42 HARBOUR ROAD, BARRY - £229,950

Traditional bay fronted property. Two reception rooms. Kitchen/breakfast room. Utility and downstairs w/c. Five bedrooms. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Low maintenance garden to rear. Panoramic views across Waterfront and coastline beyond.



23 BUTT LEE COURT, BARRY - £89,950

Second floor apartment. Living room. Kitchen. Two bedrooms. Bathroom. Communal parking and grounds to front and rear. Panoramic views across Barry and coastline beyond.



41 GAEN STREET, BARRY - £135,950

End of terrace located in west end of Barry. Two reception rooms. Kitchen. Bathroom to ground floor. Three double bedrooms. Enclosed forecourt and low maintenance rear garden.



24 GLAMORGAN STREET, BARRY - £139,950

Bay fronted refurbished terraced property. Two reception rooms. Fitted kitchen. Ground floor bathroom. Two Bedrooms. Enclosed forecourt and rear garden.



51 CORONATION STREET, BARRY - £114,995

Traditional terraced property. Recently fully refurbished. Two reception rooms. Extended kitchen/dining room. Two double bedrooms. Bathroom. Enclosed rear garden. Close to local amenities.



37 EVAN STREET, BARRY, £117,950

Traditional terraced property. Refurbished throughout. Lounge through dining room. Fitted kitchen. Two double bedrooms. Modern bathroom. Low maintenance rear garden. Close to shopping centre.



110 WOODLANDS ROAD, BARRY - £139,950

Traditional bay fronted property. Two reception rooms. Three bedrooms. UPVC d/g. Gas c/h. Forecourt and rear garden. Close to train station. Walking distance of shops.



114 PORTHKERRY ROAD, BARRY - £144,950

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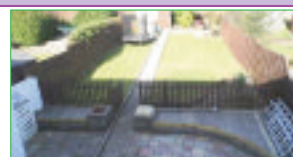
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BRUTAL WELCOME TO NEW LEAGUE FOR PENCOED RFC



Christian Powell
scores for Pencoed.
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BY JULIE
HANCOCK.

BEFORE a ball had been kicked, pre-season speculation was that visitors Skewen were favourites to win Division 1 West Central; this looks likely on this evidence, Pencoed going down 58-5.

The home side were completely outplayed on the day conceding eight tries, Mark Harvey (2) Cam Morris, Matthew Billet, Anthony Buselli, Luke Myatt, Edward Price, and tormentor-in-chief Kevin James, the burly centre brother of Welsh international Paul James, wreaking havoc in the Pencoed ranks, scattering defenders seemingly at will. Buselli added 18 points with the boot.

Home indiscipline added to their opening day woes, two yellow cards costing them 28 points when down to 14 players.

A search for a positive

in the home performance was a slight second half improvement, albeit one of containment, having conceded 39 points prior to the interval.

No 8 Gareth Prentice with a charging run into the visitors' 22 set up the platform for the lone home score, scrum half Rhys Clarke finding Christian Powell with a long pass for the prop forward to dive over at the corner flag.

Despite this heavy defeat Pencoed did create several opportunities; unfortunately, accuracy in their handling letting them down.

These are early days for Pencoed at this level, however the squad can be under no illusions as to what is necessary to consolidate their new league status.

On Saturday Pencoed travel to Builth Wells for a 2.30pm kick off.

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Tom Drew looks
for the offload.

Porthcawl bridge club news

PORHCAWL Bridge Club has recently held a new competition, a random teams, in which pairs arrive and are randomly drawn with another pair to form a team of four; this was won by Eileen, Pat, Connie and Roger.

Latest results from the club are:

Saturday, August 22: First – Keith Davison & Tony Haworth; second (equal) – Dil & Marian Evans; Trish Saunders & Pat Haworth.

Thursday, August 27: First – Trish Saunders & Pat Cogbill; handicap – Roger Plant & Terry Dolan.

Saturday, August 29, random teams: First – Eileen Mahoney, Pat Haworth, Connie Dick, Roger Draper; second – Dian Jones, Kath Grossey, Janet Richards.

Monday, August 31: First – Josie De Voss & Roger Draper; second – Tony Haworth & Gary Williams.

Thursday, September 3: First Gary Williams & Pat Haworth; handicap – Maurice & Margaret Harris.

The club meets three times a week – Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, and Monday at the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel 7pm-10.15pm, visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call our secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

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Eileen, Pat, Connie and Roger, winners of the random teams competition.

PHOENIX TEAMS SUFFER LOSSES

BOTH Pencoed Phoenix teams took to field on the weekend as the under-18s and senior Phoenix both played away games.

The under-18s were defeated by Treorchy 43-27, and captain Menna-May Preece commented: "It was a good game played by the girls, we were unlucky but I was proud of you all!"

"Everyone gave 100 per cent and I couldn't ask for any more."

The senior Phoenix faced Maesteg Celts and were defeated 31-10 in a very hard-fought game on a beautiful sunny day with both teams up for the new season and with plenty of new players.

There were international players on both teams – Ffion Bowen for Maesteg and Melissa Clay for the Phoenix. Phoenix played well together and this season's captain Katie Murphy gave a



Amie Steven touches down.
ALL PICTURES
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RIGHT: Katherine Criger in action,

very encouraging and demanding talk at half time.

Tries came from loosehead prop Lowri Reeves and Amie Stevens. Ladies of the match were Melissa Clay for the Phoenix and, for Maesteg, Eleri Harris Thomas.

The Phoenix are away again on September 13 against Ynysddu - all are



Porthcawl disappointed by opening-day defeat



Ben Wall finds himself caught
among the Glais defence.
ALL PICTURES BY
TRACEY WILLIAMS



Josh White
goes for
goal with a
conversion
attempt.

WHEN Glais captain Josh Humphreys got his jubilant team together following the final whistle of this match against Porthcawl RFC, he hit the nail squarely on the head when he announced: "Boys, this was our best performance in the last five years, against a top side in this league... we didn't expect to win today but we simply wanted it more than they did."

That summation was so accurate as the visitors came from behind to turn the match on its head.

It had all looked so different when the Seaweeds breezed ahead to 14-5 with Jordan Skidmore bagging a superb brace of tries, one from 45 metres, the other from his own half, both improved by Josh White, as hooker Chris Austin replied with a pushover try for Glais.

The home eight were providing a huge amount of ball to play with, skipper Richard Hnyda leading the way and James Bruges-Davies all action before leaving early with a knock.

However, the tenacity of the Glais pack and poor decision making by Porthcawl contributed to numerous chances going begging, with speedster wing Callum Walters often a spectator when he could have been heavily influential.

The second half started much as the first half had ended and when visiting skipper and right wing Humphreys skipped through weak home defence for a try, converted by the reliable boot of full back Carl Williams, Glais were right back in it at 14-12.

White's 35 metre penalty stretched home advantage a touch at 17-12 but to little avail as hard grafting Glais second row Eifion Jones trundled through a blind-side gap to touch down for the try, with Williams' superb touchline conversion edging his side ahead for the first time.

For a brief moment they spoiled matters by giving away a penalty for obstruction and White's telling boot got Porthcawl ahead with a penalty for 20-19, before Skidmore burst into life down the right touchline and fed inside to flanker Jobe Owens, who finished off the move for an unconverted try taking the score to 25-19, promising a possible home revival.

The see-saw nature of the match saw prop Rob Thomas score a try for Glais, converted again by Williams to go 26-25 ahead before White again restored the home lead with a pressure penalty from 40 metres, the score 28-26 with time ticking away.

Williams' unerring boot for Glais kicked another penalty as the match moved into its dying moments, much to the groans of the home support, before the coup de grace, as livewire Glais scrum-half Johnnie Evans stole over for the defining try from a lineout 10 metres from the home line to make it 28-34 at the death, and unreserved celebrations from the whole of the Glais team.

Hooker Jack Williams again worked tirelessly for the home side, along with Connor Rees and Leon McNally, and they deserved more.

This was a hugely disappointing result for Porthcawl as the new season opened with a whimper, since they could easily have taken the result, such was the amount of possession they had throughout the match.

Coach Rhys James had some well-chosen words for his troops in the after-match post-mortem and the tough visit to Banwen on Saturday will require nothing less than a massively improved performance.

PAUL FIELDING

Porthcawl RFC youth were 31-22 winners against Cardiff Quins youth, while the under-13s defeated Mumbles 17-12; the under-12s won 50-0 against Kenfig Hill, while tries from Stevan Yardley (2), Josh Woodbridge (2) and Luke Roberts gave the under-11s a 33-26 win against Kenfig Hill while the under-8s lost 10-5 against Kenfig Hill.

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KENFIG HILL 12

A great day of rugby that showed glimpses of our game in two 10 minute slots where we outscored

the opposition by passing into space and bringing our runners into the ball after our ball carriers had done the hard work, taking the ball up and breaking the gain line.

If we can get our defensive line working it would have been a different game but we showed greater confidence with more players racking up the tackle count such as Dexter, Dylan and newcomer Mackensy who also ran strongly, bursting with confidence - a great step forward for them all.

Another player to rack up the tackle count was Neeson, who again had good run and tackled like a demon.

Others continued their tackle count in Dewi, Sam, Lex, Lewis and Piers, with Piers coming out with top tackler award for great all-round defensive work.

Dylan was awarded individual effort - we had asked him to take ball up and get at least five tackles and he did this and did not take a step back all game.

Another warrior was Lewis, claiming the making the difference award; after being heavily winded last week he picked himself up and ran, tackled until he dropped and scored the try of the game which came from a quick pass from Oscar to Dewi, drawing in defence who passed to Dylan.

He could have put his head down and charged for the line but he saw Lewis in space and he cut a great line to score a great try, showing some silky skills which the opposition also commented on.

Oscar is looking comfortable at scrum half, while also on the scoresheet was Dewi running in four tries and with a strong tackle count he kept us in the game, finishing off some great moves created by our ball carriers and showed some nifty footwork.

Samuel also crossed the line, having another fine game; he may not be the biggest player on field but has the heart of a lion and did not miss a tackle all day, and is a player who takes on coaches instructions as you can see with his tackling technique, which is text book.

This week we are away to Llantwit Fardre.

ROB HOOPER

Bridgend bridge results

THE results for recent events are:

Wednesday, September 2: 1st Tony Disley and Julian Pottage, 2nd Rob Forman and Alan Heath, 3rd Steve Burgoyne and Ann Fox. Winners on handicap Rob Forman and Alan Heath.

Thursday, September 3: 1st Geoff and Christine Tinkler, 2nd Stuart Davies and David Phillips, 3rd Frances Heslin and Dee Finch. Winners on handicap Frances Heslin and Dee Finch.

Friday, August 4, 1st Irene Thomas and Ray Smith, 2nd Norma and David Newman, 3rd Ann Fox and Teresa Griffiths. Winners on handicap Norma and David Newman.

Regular club nights take place on

Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session. Master points are now awarded but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their Bridge.

New lessons for beginners will recommence on September 24.

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She would also like to say thank you to all her grandchildren and their partners, great grandchildren and all her friends for their cards and generous gifts.
I love you all and God bless
Mave the Rave xxx

Family Notices

FRYER Joyce

Much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 2.
Resting at W. James & Sons, Fonnmon. Funeral to take place at St Curi's Church, Porthkerry on Monday, September 14 at 2pm, followed by interment in Porthkerry Cemetery.
Flowers, if wished, may be sent to the funeral home.

BURT Dennis

(Graig Penllyn, Cowbridge)

The family of the late Mr Dennis Burt wishes to thank his many friends and colleagues for the messages of sympathy and condolences received over recent weeks.
Many thanks to the doctors and nurses at Cowbridge Health Centre and also to the Reverend David Boulton for his support and words of compassion. Also, to Messrs C & O.J. Sendell, Funeral Directors, for their expertise and professionalism.

PAUL

Elsie Emily (née Fifield)

Peacefully at UHW Cardiff on 27th August 2015, Elsie aged 90 years.
Beloved wife of the late Fred and much loved mum of the late David. Elsie will be greatly missed by all her friends and neighbours.
Resting at A G Adams & Son until the funeral service in the Chapel of Rest on Thursday, 10th September at 10am followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.
Flowers may be sent to the Funeral home.

THOMPSON

Freda

Suddenly, but peacefully, on August 31, Freda aged 95 years, formerly of Iltyd Avenue, Llantwit Major, latterly of Baltimore Care Home, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Hughie, much loved mother of Lorna and the late Hugh, mother-in-law to Heather and cherished grandmother of Cassy, Chris, David and Kate and her six great-grandchildren.
Will be sadly missed by all.
Funeral Wednesday, September 16, service and cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 2pm, where friends please meet. Family flowers only, donations, if so desired, for British Heart Foundation c/o W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun CF72 8PN Tel: 01443 223368

STEPHENS

Mary Non Elizabeth
"Liz" (née Mytton)

Died on 3rd September at Withybush Hospital, Haverfordwest. Wife of Henry, mother of Emma & John and grandmother of their children.
Funeral service to be held at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park Crematorium, Port Road, Barry, CF62 9PX on Wednesday, 16th September at 1pm.
No flowers or black ties please.
Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Ty Hafan Hospice. All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel (029) 2051 4627.

MATTHEWS Terence (Terry)

Peacefully at his home surrounded by all his loving family on August 29, Terry of Barry, dearly beloved husband of Cheryl (Flower), much loved dad of Renee and Ross, father in law of Nicky and Rachel, adored pops of Kody and Lacey.
Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynenydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until his funeral service in the chapel on Tuesday, September 15 at 11am, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 12 noon.
Family flowers only but donations in lieu of flowers to Marie Curie Cancer, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

HOOPER

Charles Anthony (Tony)

Peacefully at Holme Tower after a short, brave fight. Loving husband of Diana, dearly loved father of Simon, Penny and Jeremy, father-in-law to Tor, Michael and Leanne, and a much loved grandpa.
Funeral service and interment at St Iltyd Church, Llantrithyd, at 11am on Tuesday, September 15. Family flowers only but donations would be most welcome to Marie Curie Hospice at Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth CF64 3YR.

FLANAGHAN Rosemarie

Amanda, Steve, Hazel and Bob would like to thank everyone for attending the funeral of Rosemarie Flanagan.
Special thanks to Reverend Brunning, Avril, Gill and Sandra, and everyone else involved.

KAYLL

Caroline Joan

It is with great sadness the family announce the sudden death of a loved wife, mother, daughter, sister and aunt on 4th September 2015.
A service to celebrate her life will be held on 18th September 2015 at 2.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium.
Caroline was Ward Manager of Y Bwthyn Newydd, Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. A much respected member of the nursing community.
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Mike & Keith Walker
Happy Birthday on 11th September
Love you loads! Mousie, Lemmy & Holly xxx

Birthday Memories

COLLIER Graham

Today would have been your 80th birthday.
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Sports under-10s shine in tournament

BRIDGEND Sports under-10s got their season underway with a round robin against visiting teams Caerphilly and Bryncethin.

The summer sun had finally arrived and the young team looked resplendent in their brand new Howdens Joinery Co, SAT Automation Ltd and Sports Xtra sponsored kit.

The combination of the weather and new kit provided the inspiration for the home team to produce some good rugby to delight their supporters and coaches.

In the first game, the Sports played Caerphilly. Starting the game with the possession the Sports attacked from the start, Tom Chick and Ben King took the ball upfield and some good offloading saw Mason Balmer give a pass to Ieuan Pilliner, who broke the first tackle, change direction and then used his strength to drive over for the first try.

Caerphilly tried to hit back straight from the restart, but good work in the tackle from Iestyn John, and Mason Blamer saw the home team turn the ball over and a quick pass to Joel Rogers saw him use his pace out wide to score the second try.

A third try followed in similar fashion after Dewi Worrall used his strength to rob Caerphilly at a ruck; Joel Rogers again outprinted the defence for the home team to lead 3-0.

Caerphilly hit back with a try for Tom Lewis who took the kick deep in his own half, raced out of his 22 and then outprinted the home team cover to score.

The Sports set Dewi Worrall and Ben King off on runs through the centre of the field from the restart. Ben King offloaded to Tom Chick who took full advantage of the try-scoring pass to race in to take the score to 4-1.

Two more tries followed, another for Tom Chick who got on the end of a pass following good work from Dylan Morgan and Dewi Worrall.

Cian John used his electric pace to sprint in from 12 metres out for the second, to take the half-time score to 6-1.

Caerphilly made a determined start to the

second half and were soon 1-0 up with a try from Ryan Williams.

The Sports however, did not want to let the visitors spoil their party and they hit back immediately through a try from Ben King.

Caerphilly restarted but their attack was soon thwarted due to masterful work from Iestyn John in the tackle to secure ball. Callum Lewis then made good use of some space to send the opposition the wrong way and then score for the Sports to edge in front, a lead they were to hold onto for a short period, before Tom Williams broke out of defence from deep in the Caerphilly half and once again sprint the length of the field to level the score at 2-2.

Both sides threw everything into the next period of play, as Dylan Morgan sparked an attack from the Sports down the blindside; Joel Rogers was on hand to maintain momentum and link with Dewi Worrall.

He injected some pace but appeared to have been held up just short of the line before breaking the tackle to score for the Sports to win by nine tries to three.

Caerphilly then played Bryncethin in the round robin. Bryncethin scored first only for Caerphilly to respond with two tries. Bryncethin then levelled the scores going into half-time.

In the second half, Bryncethin ran in three further tries as they were able to pressurise Caerphilly into errors and then use good handling skills to put players into space and score to secure a 5-2 win.

Caerphilly battled hard in both games but were unable to retain the ball in the tackle which allowed their opponents in both games to gain the upper hand.

In the final game of the morning, the Sports played Bryncethin. Both teams were eager to impress and challenge for glory.

The Sports aim to pressurise their opponents into mistakes and then play some delightful rugby. In this second game the Sports now began to offload better and link with supporting players in space.



Tom Chick scored first for the Sports as he received a pass from Cian John on the halfway line; with plenty to do, he used his pace to lose his opponents and score in the corner.

Tyron Davies scored next - he benefited from good work by Orson Thomas before switching direction to beat two players to touch down.

An attack from Bryncethin spilled the ball into opponent Cian John's hands who snapped up the opportunity and use his electric pace to race into score with another long distance effort.

Tyron Davies scored a further try for the Blue and Whites to lead 4-0 at half-time.

In the final half of the morning, Bridgend Sports scored four further unanswered tries through touchdowns from Iestyn John with two tries, Morgan Edwards and another for Tom Chick.

The home side concluded a brilliant opening for their season, and the young players can take great confidence from the two games.

This week they face Tonmawr at home.

Barry Athletic FC round-up

B A R R Y Barry Athletic's B team development squad continued their winning start to the season against FC Pumas with a 6-0 victory.

It was a close encounter for the first 30 minutes with the Athletic having to contend with the constant long ball threat but following a long period of patience they got control of the game.

The Athletic showed their intentions early with some fine attacking work coming from K.Caton down the middle with Hammill and Griffiths out wide. With slick passing and good movement the Athletic moved up through the gears and were a constant threat to the Pumas' goal.

The home side pulled a goal back midway through the first half but the two goal lead was restored by C.Leach. The Athletic knew the next goal in the game would be crucial and in the second half further goals from K.Caton (2), Gratton, Griffiths and M.Williams saw the match put to bed.

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Location/Lleoliad:	Great Frampton House and associated farmyard, Llantwit Major
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Cowbridge impress with huge victory

LAST Saturday, Cowbridge first XV entertained Tonyrefail at The Athletic Field and on a sunny day, with the pitch a credit to groundsman Tim Williams, they ran out winners by 62-17 in fine style.

Just four minutes into the match, scrum half Adam Dix sent a pass to outside half Alex Guard, who popped the ball up to centre and captain Will Williams to break the defence and then round the full back at pace to cross under the posts. Full back Chris Roberts-Walters added the conversion.

Four minutes later second row Connor Wyatt made yards with a strong drive; his fellow second row Emyr Stone took it on and then No 8 Luke Boys, before a final pass to the supporting Steff Kitchen to touch down.

Stone was on the scoresheet again two minutes later with a kick ahead that he re-gathered. Roberts-Walters added the extras.

Tonyrefail had their first score when their outside centre latched onto a dropped pass, kicked ahead and won the race to the line for a converted try.

Just before the midpoint, centre Rhys Griffin dummied and sidestepped past a number of defenders to score, and Roberts-Walters put over the conversion.

On 22 minutes, great handling saw the ball moved first to the right and then back to the left and wing Duncan Evans crossed under the posts for a converted try.

Tonyrefail took control of the last eight minutes, using their heavier forwards to keep the ball.

There was excellent defence from Wyatt, prop Geraint Thomas, having possibly his best game in the green strip, and Alex Guard until Tonyrefail crossed on the left to bring a half-time scoreline of 33-12.

Three minutes into the second half and Roberts-Walters put over a penalty from 30 metres.

Minutes later, on an attack down the left, hooker Connor Boys broke through and slipped a pass to Roberts-Walters to cross the line.

Then, maybe the pick of some

excellent tries, as wing Freddie Harries gathered the ball near his try line and then burst 30 metres upfield and linked with Will Williams, who took it on before releasing the pacy right wing Evans to cross for a try that went virtually the full length of the field. Roberts-Walters again added the extras.

Tonyrefail replied with a try of their own from their right wing, but Cowbridge added a further try through Connor Boys with a charge down and pick up to race in.

Roberts-Walters again added the extras and the final try came from livewire Johnny Graham, playing at flanker, who pounced on a dropped pass to race away from 40 metres for a converted try.

A great performance – it was a pity we had to start with non-contested scrums but with maybe eight players unavailable, not least those at the wedding of Huw and Anna, Tonyrefail knew the difficulties we faced.

All the players looked comfortable on the ball and there was some great running and passing and enthusiastic defence too.

Well done boys. We know there are a number of students due to go to university/college, but they are always welcome when available and hopefully we have a few more weeks from them yet.

The youth had a fine win in the Cardiff and District Cup, beating Rumney 31-5.

The coaches were pleased with the mix of older and younger players which augurs well for the future.

Tries were scored by flanker Joe Davies, outside half Ash Thomas, centre Dan Evans, and a brace for wing Fraser McGhan. Prop Sam Richards added a conversion and Ash Thomas two more.

This Saturday the first XV travel to Tylorstown who had a good win themselves last weekend. The youth are at home, this time in the Welsh Youth Cup.

Kick off times should be back to the usual 2.30pm; all support would be very welcome.

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Bowlers become county champions!

LLANTWIT MAJOR bowlers, Steve Booker and Adrian Woods became the Vale County Champions in the senior pairs after the final played at Barry Athletic.

In glorious sunshine on a running green, the Llantwit boys had a real tussle with Mike Duckfield and John Roberts from Porthcawl.

The first 12 ends saw the lead constantly changing, with neither pair able to get more than a single shot ahead.

After that the game changed dramatically, first with the Llantwit pair surging into an 11 shot lead only for the



Porthcawl pair to claw it all back so that the match was all square coming into the last end.

With all to play for, Llantwit's lead, Adrian Woods, managed to hide the jack behind one of his

woods, but Porthcawl winkled it out and were holding shot.

However, with the last wood of the match, skip Steve Booker picked up the jack which ended up in the ditch followed in by his wood, which was still live.

A win for the Llantwit boys and an exciting end to a nail-biting match!

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LLANTWIT MAJOR JUNIOR AND MINI RUGBY ROUND-UP

SUNDAY saw 12 teams descend on the Recreation Ground for the first under-14s 10-a-side tournament to be held at Llantwit Major RFC.

With the sun shining, the play was high tempo as each team endeavoured to start the 2015-16 season with a bang.

The tournament didn't start well for Llantwit with Porth Harlequins punishing some sloppy defence to secure a 38-5 win over the hosts.

The second match didn't fare much better for Llantwit as they succumbed to a 32-0 loss to Brecon.

Looking down and out the AmmoKnights entered their last group match with dampened spirits.

An impromptu supply of gusto enervated the AmmoKnights who fought to a narrow defeat to eventual cup finalists Bryncoch.

Demoted to the shield competition, the AmmoKnights found their vigour as they thrashed Treorchy in the semi-final to set up and encounter with the Ferry Stealers.

Having never beaten the Stealers, the AmmoKnights knew that only an improved performance would see them secure some early season silverware.

Having finally woken from their Sunday slumber, the AmmoKnights swept aside the Briton ferry team five tries to one to win the third tier of their tournament.

After three early defeats the AmmoKnights recorded two wins in their final two games to enjoy a good end to the day.

Local rivals Dinas Powys won the cup with a hard-fought victory over Bryncoch.

First-time visitors Pontardawe secured the plate tournament beating Brecon.

A great day was had by all and the AmmoKnights would like to thank all the parent volunteers who helped make the day a success.

MR Llantwit Major Warriors (under-11s) started their season with a tough tournament, away at St Peters, Cardiff. With four strong teams to play, the Llantwit Warriors were in for a tough season opener.

The first match was against Llantwit Fardre, with whom they had drawn against at the end of last season.

It was a tough game, playing on a bigger pitch and a few more new rules to remember.

The Warriors seemed to struggle, forgetting all the things they had learned last season and in

recent training sessions.

They watched as Llantwit Fardre took the ball from them at the breakdown; they were all bunched up, allowing Llantwit Fardre to play some lovely passing rugby and score two great tries.

Not a good start for the Warriors, final score Llantwit Fardre 2, Llantwit Warriors 0.

The next match was against a very strong St Peters Tigers. Whatever the coaches had said to the Warriors after the first match seemed to work.

They were talking to each other, starting to spread out and pass to each other. The Warriors made a few lovely breaks, but St Peters were too strong and well drilled to let anything through their defence.

A frustrated Warriors team made a few mistakes enabling St Peters to score some well worked tries; final score St Peters Tigers 3, Llantwit Warriors 0.

The Warriors' third match was against Rhymney Valley and they played a much better game - their tackling was strong, some of their rucking was brilliant, and they had remembered how to play together as a strong team.

The Warriors' defence worked hard, keeping Rhymney away from the try line for a lot of the game, and only twice were Rhymney able to get over the try line.

Through some great play, the Warriors were able to break through Rhymney's defensive line six times during the match for a final score of Rhymney Valley 2, Llantwit Warriors 6.

The final game of the rounds was against St Peters Panthers. This match had everything riding on it – a win was needed from the Warriors to get through to the final.

St Peters were strong and quickly they were testing the defensive line. There was some tough tackles and great rucking from both teams.

It was St Peters who opened up the scoring, followed by a determined Warriors attack taking them over the line to even up the scores.

The Warriors were playing well together, talking to and passing between players; they were defending well also, contesting for the ball at the breakdown.

It was only through a great piece of quick play that St Peters were able to run over the try line to take them in front.

Llantwit Warriors worked hard to get the play close to their line, and with great determination were able to get the ball over the line to bring the scoreline level at 2-2.

It was not quite enough to get the Warriors through to the



The Llantwit Warriors are on the attack!

final this time, but all players improved dramatically throughout the day, and I look forward to watching them grow as a team throughout this season.

Squad: Tom Roberts, Sam Harry, Iwan Thomas, Owen Hill, Logan Pike, Dylan Wright, Dylan Morgan, Caleb Beare, Rhys Greenaway, Sam Alexander, Rhys Davies, Oly Williams, Josh Wakeham, Cristian Parry, Finn O'Brian, Corey Lougher, Will Sweeney, Aneurin Price, Jamie Jenkins and, playing his debut match for the Warriors, Evan Harris.

SR Llantwit Major under-10s travelled to Pontyclun for their first match of the season.

The weather was great and the boys were very excited to be back together after a break for the summer.

There was an excellent turn out of players, 17 in total; they were Braydan Griffiths, Brandon Harris, Tom Jones, Thomas George, Dylan Brown, Lewys Ingram, Flynn Barry, Marcus Hanmer, Carwyn John, Rhys Hoggarth, Thomas Lamerton, Jimi Williams, Dafydd Morgan, Tom Hamlett, Kian Barnett, Owen Richards and Kelyn Joseph.

The first team to play were Braydan, Brandon, Tom J, Thomas G, Dylan, Lewys, Flynn, Marcus, Carwyn and Rhys - an excellent start to the match with some outstanding tackling, the boys worked very well as a team to offload the ball, resulting in tries being scored.

At half-time the score was Llantwit 3, Pontyclun 3, tries scored by Flynn, Dylan and Marcus.

The second half was well on its way with some great defending by Llantwit.

The boys really got stuck into the game players calling for the ball with excellent offloading and some fantastic tackling. The final score was Llantwit 4, Pontyclun 6, try scored by Braydan.

The players for the second match were Thomas L, Jimi, Dafydd, Tom H, Kian, Owen, Kelyn, Brandon, Marcus and Dylan.

The boys played really well - they were all trying their best to get the tackles and making decisions as a team, and at half-time the score was



The AmmoKnights were in tournament action last weekend.



The under-8s fielded two teams on Sunday morning.

Llantwit 0, Pontyclun 5.

Brandon, Marcus and Dylan were replaced with Braydan, Tom J and Flynn. The boys started to up their game a lot - more tackles were being made as well as players calling for the ball.

There was some excellent offloading of the ball which resulted in tries being scored and the final result was Llantwit 2, Pontyclun 6, tries scored by Flynn and Thomas L.

Men of the matches were Flynn and Marcus. Well done to all players it was a great start to the season, you all played very well.

MG Late summer conditions welcomed Llantwit Major under-8s to Pontyclun on Sunday morning and both clubs were able to field two teams each.

Llantwit Major showed their enthusiasm as the players quickly shook off their summer rustiness.

The first game involving the Llantwit Blacks was a close affair with good organization and passing skills.

There were some lovely tries from both sides and Llantwit benefited from scores by Thomas Collins (3), Joel Harris and Oliver Ingrams (2) as they started this season as they had finished the last, with some strong forward running.

Strong tagging by both sides meant turnover ball as possession switched back and fore between the two teams.

Norah Griffiths and Ifan Lovejoy showed great first game enthusiasm and they were rewarded with some good tags and Ifan also managed to bag himself a score.

Dylan Godsell, Bledwyn Mitchem and Maverick Jennings all showed how their skills had developed in the first few weeks of training as they showed off their passing and catching skills and good support running throughout.

The Llantwit Reds, with a number of less experienced players, showed fantastic spirit and effort as they also put in some strong performances.

As the game moved along at a cracking pace Bledwyn Daw (2), Tomos Davies and Theo Elsenberg (2) were rewarded with scores as well as showing their strong running skills.

Sam Whitbread, Aaron Moece and Evan Boulton also picked up scores and Brodie Beare, making his first appearance for Llantwit, quickly settled, making an excellent tag as he, Lloyd Morgan and Ben Butterworth supported their teammates.

In the end Pontyclun ran out worthy winners of both matches, 9-7 and 15-8 respectively.

With such a good start the season it bodes well, and this week's Sinclair tournament is another opportunity to show how the group are really starting to play as a team.

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Red card changes game as Saints exit the Cup

ST ATHAN crashed out of the SWFA Intermediate Cup to Trebanog FC in an enthralling encounter marred by controversy, the team losing 4-1.

Jordan Mortimore had put Saints ahead in the first half but a second half red card changed the complexion of the tie.

Trebanog were always going to be a stern test after finishing second in their league, only losing and drawing one game

last season; those were to the eventual champions of the Rhondda league.

But it was Saints who started the stronger. Chances were few and far between with Mortimore going close on two occasions being denied by the home keeper.

Trebanog grew in frustration; they failed to break down a well organised St Athan side and Saints deservedly took the lead on the half hour mark.

Reece Lewis whipped in a corner for Mortimore

to rise highest in the packed area to head home the opener.

Saints almost doubled their lead with both James Austin and Josh Morgan firing wide.

St Athan went in at half-time the happier of the two sides, in front and in control.

Trebanog changed up their shape in the second period as they chased the equaliser, sending three up front.

However, the home side couldn't break down Saints who were looking to seal the tie with a goal

on the break, but the game changed with a moment of controversy.

As Saints keeper Paul Lucas collected a cross the forward collided with him in an otherwise innocuous incident.

However, the referee spotted foul play and dismissed Lucas with a straight red card.

The referee awarded a spot kick for the incident which was duly dispatched past stand-in keeper, Deon Garrison.

The game changed as Trebanog capitalised on their numerical

advantage. It was only a fine low save from Garrison to stop the away side taking the lead.

This was only a slight reprieve, however, as a low ball across the six yard box was turned in to send the home side and support into raptures.

Saints had to throw caution to the wind and pushed players on. This almost led to a leveller during a goalmouth scramble with Mortimore, Austin, Cleave and Morgan having shots.

With Saints pushing on, the inevitable gaps were left at the back and Trebanog sealed their place in the next round with two more late goals to add some shine to the result for the home side.

An incredibly even game where both sides worked extremely hard, but it was Trebanog who progressed.

Saints now turn their attention back to domestic issues with the Barry Cup first round against Knap FC.

VIFC won the competition last season and then merged with St Athan, so the players will be keen to defend their trophy.

Team: Lucas, Goodwin, R.Lewis, Cox, Garrison, Cleave, Laing, Austin, Harfoot, Morgan, Mortimore.

The second team also tasted defeat as they fell 3-0 to Dockers Re-United.

A mixed start to the season's opening, the seconds will hope for an away win against Penarth Town on Saturday.

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LLANTWIT CLUB HOLDS FINALS DAY

LLANTWIT MAJOR Bowling Club held their club finals on Saturday and Sunday with wonderful weather and a high standard of bowling by both ladies and men.

The ladies championship was between Carol Willmot and Julie Molloy - this was a hard fought game with the lead changing frequently until the 22nd end when Julie wrapped up the game, winning the final four ends to win by three shots.

The ladies Tyro competition saw Naomi Baelz, a comparative newcomer, playing in her first ever final against a very experienced player in Marion Lewis, who took control of the game to win comfortably by 13 shots.

The ladies Two Bowl pairs final saw Marilyn Gomaa and Etta Gray play Kay Johnes and Pat Brown; this was another close game with the scores level on the 14th end with Kay and Pat then scoring two three's on the trot which saw them home by four shots.

In the mixed pairs Steve Booker and Julie

Molloy competed against John Nixon and Carol Willmot.

Steve and Julie were behind until the ninth end when they took a one shot lead; a score of four by John and Carol on the 14th end drew them level with Steve and Julie winning the final ends to win by four shots.

In the men's championship final, Tom Ingrid played Kyle Garrison.

Tom played the better bowls, being 11 shots up after 12 ends; Kyle came back to reduce the deficit to five shots on the 15th end with Tom winning the final two ends to win by nine shots.

In the Two Bowl final Neville Young played Kyle Garrison.

Neville held the lead from the fifth end, holding a seven shot lead but by the 15th end Kyle made a great comeback to win by one shot on the 30th end.

In the Frank Rhodes trophy, Ambrose Horgan played Graham Jones.

Ambrose was in brilliant form with Graham unable to find his touch and Ambrose dominated the game to win easily by 14 shots.

The men's Tyro competition was played between Ambrose Horgan and Glyn Fox. Glyn stormed away,

building up a six shot lead after eight ends but Ambrose came back, winning five ends on the trot to take a five shot lead.

The game remained close with Glyn winning the final three ends to win by two shots.

The men's four bowl final saw Steve Booker and Mike Adams play Richard George and Cenneth Williams.

Steve and Mike were always in control, being the more experienced pair, leading from the third end to win by nine shots.

The Two Bowl pairs was played by Steve Booker and Les Fowler against John Ball and John Nixon.

This was another tight affair with the result in the balance right up to the final end, with Steve and Les winning by three shots.

Many thanks to Val Ball and Mike Adams, the competition secretaries, for such a well organised event and to the many club members for their support on the days.

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BARRY & DISTRICT LEAGUE TABLES

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Moors Boys 9, Cadoxton Cons 6; West End Runaways 6, Wyndham Cons 9; Liberals 9, West End 6.

League table: Liberals 9 pts, Moors Boys 9 pts, Wyndham Cons 9 pts, Cadoxton Cons 6 pts, West End 6 pts, West End Runaways 6 pts, Rhooose Social 0 pts.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Cadoxton Cons B 3, West End C 2; Harbour B 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Rhooose Social B 3, Rhooose Social C 2; Cadoxton Cons Z 2, Savoy A 3; Caddy Allstars 2, Wyndham Cons A 3.

League table: Harbour B 4 pts, Cadoxton Cons B 3 pts, Rhooose Social B 3 pts, Savoy A 3 pts, Wyndham Cons A 3 pts, Caddy Allstars 2 pts, Cadoxton Cons Z 2 pts, Rhooose Social C 2 pts, West End C 2 pts, Penarth

Cons B 1 pts, Market Street C 0 pts.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

West End B 4, Cadoxton Cons A 1; Liberators 2, Savoy B 3; Wyndham Cons D 2, Wyndham Cons C 3; Market Street B 2, Services Social B 3; West End A 2, Penarth Cons A 3.

League table: West End B 4 pts, Penarth Cons A 3 pts, Savoy B 3 pts, Services Social B 3 pts, Wyndham Cons C 3 pts, Liberators 2 pts, Market Street B 2 pts, West End A 2 pts, Wyndham Cons D 2 pts, Cadoxton Cons A 1 pts, Sully Sports A 0 pts.

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Welsh steeplechase jockeys - Ivor and Owen Anthony

LAST time, from my out of print book *Welsh Steeplechase Jockeys* (Cwmnedd Press, 1993), we featured Jack Anthony, the most famous of the famed three Welsh riders. This week we take a look at his brothers Ivor and Owen.

Ivor, who once rode all five winners at Pembroke Steeplechases, was champion jockey in 1912 with 78 wins to his credit. As an amateur rider, he won the National Hunt Chase on *Timothy Titus*, a horse bred by his father. That same year, 1904, he was the leading gentleman rider. He rode many winners at the now long defunct racecourses such as Tenby, Pembroke, Cardiff and Cowbridge.

Ivor never managed to ride a Grand National winner. He was fourth in 1906 on *Crautacaun* and was placed third on three occasions; *Axle Pin* (1912), *Ally Sloper* (1917), and *Ballymacad* (1918).

However, when he turned to training, he saddled three winners of the Welsh Grand National at Cardiff's Ely Racecourse.

He also trained *Kellsboro* Jack to win the 1933 Grand National with fellow Welshman Dudley Williams in the saddle and *Royal Mail*, which won the 1937 Aintree spectacular with Cowbridge's Evan Williams aboard.

Other big races to go his way

were the 1938 Cheltenham Gold Cup with *Morse Code* and the 1934 Champion Hurdle with *Chenango*.

A confirmed bachelor, and said to have been something of 'an old woman', Ivor was a stickler for cleanliness and promptness.

As assistant to Aubrey Hastings at Wroughton, he took charge of the yard when the Hon Aubrey died suddenly in 1929, and his first winner was the legendary *Brown Jack*, which won the Salisbury Cup.

It was a bad accident at Ludlow in 1924 that had put him out of the saddle. His meticulous approach to detail and his patience and understanding with problem horses earned him a place in the record books if not as a great jockey, but certainly a great trainer.

Ivor, who had been born in 1883, died in 1959.

As a jockey, perhaps Owen was the least known of the famous trio, though he did ride more than 100 winners.

For the controversial Miss Dorothy Paget, he trained the immortal *Golden Miller* to win the 1936 Cheltenham Gold Cup and in 1940, brought off the Gold Cup and Champion Hurdle double for Miss Paget with *Roman Hackle* and *Solford* respectively.

He has been described by Quinton Gilbey (queen of the turf) as "a rotund Welshman with a beaming countenance" and "an equable character". He was one of the few people in racing

circles who would stand no nonsense from Miss Paget, who was apt to phone her trainers in the middle of the night. Owen gave it to her straight - his phone would be unhooked at 10pm every night.

Owen was just 16 when he rode his first winner under rules at Pembroke Steeplechases.

The closest he came to riding a Grand National winner was in 1913, when he finished a distant second on Mr W T Drake's *Irish Mail* to *Covertcoat*, ridden by Percy Woodland.

Born in 1887, Owen died quite suddenly from pneumonia in 1941.

The Anthony family was a large one and a little known fact is that besides the famous trio, two other brothers who made their marks in the world of horse racing were Major General W S Anthony, who rode a lot of winners in Ireland and who had a good horse called *Clashing Arms*, and Gwynne Anthony who, despite a club foot, was a leading rider in Welsh point-to-points.

It was not unknown for the Anthony brothers to take the first three places when competing in point-to-points in their earlier days; and, I believe, it was racing over these haphazard racecourses that gave the famed trio their prowess on the racecourse proper in later life.

Next time we feature *Llanelli's Davy Jones*, one of the most versatile jockeys in the history of the turf.

CENTURIONS CONCLUDE THEIR SEASON WITH A WIN

S U L L Y
CENTURIONS played Welsh Asians at Burnham Avenue and ended with a welcome victory to round off an otherwise disappointing season in the Glamorgan and Monmouthshire League.

The visitors batted first and were soon two wickets down as the wickets of Ali (21) and Rauf (4) fell to leave Asians at 46 for 2.

In spite of a dogged 40 from Aslam, the wickets kept falling, with Ted Alsop (who ended with a fine 4 for 34) and Prashant Chaudhary (2 for 34) doing most of the damage for Centurions.

Welsh Asians were reduced to 122 for 8, but a ninth wicket stand of 58 between Ilyas and Khan frustrated Sully.

However, the innings was wrapped up in the 42nd over when the last wicket fell with the score on 191.

After tea Alsop (34) and Sandeep Shokeen (53) shared a second wicket partnership of 73 for Centurions.

However, a collapse which threatened to derail the innings followed, taking the home side from a comfortable 142 for 2 to

158 for 7 in the space of three overs.

Ambrish Kulakarni's half century for Centurions had looked to be crucial, but his was the seventh wicket to fall and the tail was looking decisively shaky at this stage.

Ilyas (4 for 50) was the Welsh Asians' top bowler. However, after the batting slump came the fightback - Bharat Banderi hit a whirlwind 34 not out from just 15 balls and Alasdair Mackinnon (4 not out) held down the other end as Centurions reached the target in the 36th over without any further loss of wicket.

Sully Centurions 195-7, Welsh Asians 191 all out.

The second XI's season ended in defeat at Malpas, but this was a much improved performance from last week.

Skipper Dave Sylvester won the toss and put the home side in to bat on a day of changeable conditions.

Simmonds (22) and Archer (13) took the score along to 39 before Ricky Griffith trapped Archer lbw in the 13th over.

Only two more runs were added before Herbie Miller took a superb caught and bowled to dismiss Simmonds. A 43 run

partnership followed between Jones (53) and James (47 not out) then a stand of 70 between James and Margetts (16) took the score along to 154 for 4.

A couple of quick wickets (Nicholas Jones caught off Gethin Hicks and Cobb bowled by Mick Fisher) left the score at 159 for 5.

But only one more wicket fell (Alex Jones caught for a duck off the bowling of Dave Sylvester) and Malpas finished on 195 for 6, with Boothroyd unbeaten on 24 at the end.

The Centurions innings got off to a slow start with the home attack getting the upper hand.

Peter Thomas went for 33 when he was bowled by James in the 17th over and two overs later Dave

Sylvester was run out for 13 with the score on 52.

This triggered a clatter of wickets as the middle order pushed the self-destruct button and Sully slumped to 57 for 5 after 22 overs.

Herbie Miller and Ricky Griffith both reached 15 but no other batsman reached double figures as Centurions were all out for 108.

A bright note was the first league runs for Chris Cole, who finished with 5.

Malpas II 195-6, Sully Centurions II 108 all out.

Centurions have two more friendly matches in September - away at Dinas Powys this Sunday and at home to Cardiff Casuals the following week - before the winter break.

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Brynhill ladies results

AUGUST 11, Waterford Crystal Vases - silver winner Gemma Evans 38points; runner-up Linda Hewlett 36.

Bronze winner Jane Phillips 36points, runner-up Judy Davies 36.

August 18, Millenium Plate: winner Jan Robertson 40points, runner-up Andrea Page 38.

August 25, four-ball better ball Trophy: winners - Glynis Gould and Miggs Codd 44points, runners-up Liz Brown and Olwen Thomas 42.

August 29, Hugh Howell (mixed) - winners Anne Phillips and John Griffiths 72 nett, runners-up Andrea Page and Steve Davies 73 nett.

September 1, Rosebowl: winner Robbie Lee minus-one over count back from Di Davies and Andrea Page.

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Llantwit slip up on opening day of new season

ON a lovely autumn afternoon, Llantwit Major hosted Pentyrch in the first league game of 2015/2016.

With the youth also playing on the next pitch against Pentyrch, a sizeable crowd turned out.

Llantwit started brightly and it wasn't long before they broke upfield and were awarded a penalty that was duly slotted by outside half Josh Austin.

It wasn't long before he had a second attempt and duly nailed that to see Llantwit lead 6-0 on the opening quarter.

It was deep into the half that Pentyrch made it into Llantwit territory and they were awarded a penalty to cut the deficit to three.

The pressure was all from Llantwit and they managed to win a scrum against the head but held on at the breakdown to give away a penalty – and then another 10 yards.

Try as they might Llantwit could not find a chink in the armour to get through for the try.

A yellow card for the Pentyrch lock for

persistent back chat allowed Josh Austin to extend the lead with a third penalty.

From the kick off, Llantwit secured the ball and made their way upfield before finding Gareth Watts on the touchline. He bullocked his way past defenders before being bundled into touch two yards out.

From the lineout, the visitors were awarded a penalty that was at best dubious, which allowed them to clear their lines.

The half-time score was Llantwit 9, Pentyrch 3.

The visitors started the second half the brighter and it wasn't long before they crossed the line following a quick tap penalty after a couple of missed tackles; the conversion was missed.

Within five minutes they crossed again. Playing a game that lacked real structure and constantly using the tap and go play, they were successful in crossing for a try which again was converted.

Credit to the Llantwit boys, as their heads did not drop and they plugged away, making breaks here and there, but at the last moment losing

the ball.

It was Pentyrch who scored the last points with a penalty that denied Llantwit a losing bonus point.

You have to give this squad credit – they stuck at it for 80 minutes and they will continue to grow into a mature team once the rustiness disappears.

It's difficult to find fault with any of the boys but there were particularly good performances by Rob Carter, Damian Gardner-Ponting, Sam Booker, Rhys Dixon and, of course, Shaun Shea and Tony Burrows, who defied their years and put an 80-minute shift in.

All in all this was a good performance and the positives far outweigh the negatives, and supporters who were there can look forward to the season with more than hope.

Well done Mark, Huw and Graeme on getting this team ready and congratulations to the players who took the field; with players to come back it appears that competition will be healthy. **NE**

Barry seconds start season with a loss...

BARRY RFC seconds opened their 2015/16 campaign as they hosted Cardiff Quins at Reservoir Field.

Coaches Rhidian Scott and Martin Tanner handed senior competitive debuts to four players, with Curtis Miller starting at number 8, Dylan Robertson at fly-half, Garth Peake on the wing and Mitchell Scott on the substitutes bench.

The new-look side started nervously and began the game on the back foot, struggling to gain any territory or possession, with only Robertson's boot an outlet.

Despite some good defending, a fumble on their own line saw Barry concede the first try which went unconverted.

Barry finally got into gear and put together some interlinking play between the centres Dave Provis and Dominic Busuttill, but whenever they threatened to up the ante, they fell foul of the referee's whistle, which was penalising the home side heavily in the contact area.

Instead the visitors increased their lead with a well-worked try out wide, and the conversion meant that Barry were 12-0 down at the interval.

The green-and-whites tried to reverse the momentum with the slope in their favour, and they tried to generate the opportunities which they created in the first half

but spurned.

Poor decision making in the final third, together with the loss of the ball in contact, saw the Quins break down the length of the field to score their third try to put the contest seemingly beyond doubt.

Worse was to follow for the home side as tempers flared with both coaching staff and playing staff losing their heads, resulting in Barry being reduced to 14 men.

The Quins poured forward for their bonus point try and despite some good last ditch defending, it came after some persistent pressure to make the score 22-0.

With all hope lost Barry rallied late on, despite finishing the game with only 13 men with Kyle Case forced off with an injury.

Their endeavour was rewarded by first a try from the evergreen Dave Provis, converted by Robertson, before Rhidian Mephram had the last say with a snipe through the centre to score near the posts.

Robertson's conversion from a drop kick meant that the final score was 14-22.

Barry 2nd XV will hope for better things to come as they travel to St Peters this weekend.

Team: Flynn; Russell; Provis, Busuttill, Peake; Robertson, Mephram; Fort, Turnbull, Ring; Dutton, Lloyd Jones; Lee Jones, Case ©, Miller. Replacements: Thomas, Evans, Scott; replacement not used: Chow. Man of the match: Provis. **KC**

That man Flint triumphs again!

BRIDGEND trainer John Flint had plenty to smile about at Bath last week when his seven-year-old chestnut mare Bernisdale ran out a nine-lengths winner of the Ultimate Finance Groups Handicap under Daniel Muscott, who had ridden a winner for him the week previously.

The last time Bernisdale, who went off at odds of 8-1, had scored for dual purpose trainer Flint was in a hurdle race at Newton Abbot last year, whereas last week's race was over a mile and five furlongs on the flat.

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Wintour Leap, trained by former point-to-point rider Robert Stephens of Penhow near Chepstow, was an easy winner of the mares handicap hurdle.

TIM'S LONG TRIP PAYS OFF
A 279-mile trip from Aberthorn to Sedgfield paid off when the Tim Vaughan-trained Lamool won the Sedgfield Bookmakers Conditional Jockeys' Novices' Hurdle under Alan Johns.

Lamool, a long-odds on favourite, romped home a 15-length winner from Rocky Two.

Lamool, at eight-years-old, was the oldest horse in the race and was winning for the third time this season. **BRIAN LEE**

Bradley adds another trophy to collection!



Dan Williams, Bradley Dodd, captain Rhys Jones, Chris Evans and Ceri Evans.

HAVING previously won the Chief Buck Rabbit on finals day at Brynhill, Bradley Dodd reached the final of the George Williams, playing against Chris Evans.

Both players teed off a little nervously, however with the camaraderie and excellent sportsmanship that both players afforded each other, they soon settled down to a good game of golf.

Chris was two up after four holes but Bradley pulled back and was one up at the seventh. It was a see-saw match with Bradley and Chris winning and losing holes.

At the 12th Chris had gone ahead, but then Bradley pulled back to be all square at the 13th; however, a great four from Chris on the 14th put him back to one up.

Back to all square on the 15th where the rain started and as they approached the 16th, the clouds gathered.

Torrential rain followed but both players were undeterred and Bradley won that hole. They headed to the 17th where Bradley won the hole to win the final 2 & 1.

The game was a fine example of friendship and it was good to see that in such an important match. Bradley now has two major trophies to collect on presentation night. Commiserations to Chris and his excellent caddie/wife, Ceri.

Congratulations Bradley and caddie Dan Williams. The referee was club captain Rhys Jones, who has had a busy year overseeing all the major finals competitions this year.

RESULTS

August 29, Hugh Howell - winners
Ann Phillips & John Griffiths nett 72;
August 30 Holme Towers Cup - winner
Scott Nelson nett 67, runner-up Lee Jones nett 68; best gross - Scott Bowman, gross 72 (bk 37). **JK**

A draw and a win for Dinas Wolves under-13s

THE opening game of the season will always be a hard challenge and Saturday proved this, as Dinas Powys Wolves drew 2-2 with IMFC.

Dinas opened the scoring from Conor O'Brien ghosting in at the back post with a fine finish.

Dinas had chances to increase their lead but failed to hit the target on countless opportunities. This was to prove costly as IMFC then pounced on poor defending, taking a 2-1 lead.

Ten minutes before the break they were awarded a penalty but Dylan Morris pulled off a fine save and the visitors hit the home side on the counter; from this Cole Saunders slotted home from a tight angle.

The match certainly wasn't a classic, as both teams struggled to get the ball down and in a tight affair the game finished 2-2.

Man of the match was Dylan Morris.

DINAS WOLVES 8 BARRY ATHLETIC 1
The young villagers set about the opposition in a professional manner following Saturday's disappointing display.

From the kick off, Hewitson finished a five pass move to open the scoring within 10

seconds, without the visitors touching the ball!

That set the tempo of the match. Dinas wasted chances early on when Doughty, Saunders, O'Brien, Harewood and Hewitson could have increased the lead in the opening 15 minutes, but a mix of poor finishing and good saves prevented this.

Young Wolves striker Hewitson made amends for this and added two very good goals to put the home team three up at the break.

The second half saw more attacking football from Dinas as they did not give Barry Athletic time to play and pressed well in numbers all over the park.

Quest, Frost, Lewis Mossey and Williams showed a strong rearguard action, winning the ball time and time again.

Athletic pulled a goal back from the spot when Lewis looked harshly treated but this

only fired the home side on.

Two fine goals from Harewood and a goal from Saunders put the game as a contest to bed.

Dinas always looked to pass the ball around and tried to stretch the pitch.

The goal of the game came when, under pressure, the defence didn't panic and played from Frost to Dylan Morris in goals; this awareness freed Perria to find Mallum, who put Joe Doughty in for one of the best team goals Dinas have scored in a while.

Robson Mallum put in the display everyone knows he is capable of, and rounded off a fine match with a delightful finish.

Zak Fifield had very good game taking the man of the match award with his leadership qualities shining through.

LS

Charity golf competition

THE Mayor of Glamorgan's charity golf day takes place at Cottrell Park Golf Club on September 25.

The competition is in aid of the RNLI and The St Vincent De Paul Society.

The stableford competition starts at 12 noon and registration is now open for teams of four.

For more information contact 01446 422406 or email jmerobinson@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Another cup win for Llantwit bowlers



The Llantwit Major bowlers receive the Hugh Meddins Trophy.

FOLLOWING on from their recent success in the Alan Martin Cup, Llantwit Major bowlers travelled to Dinas Powys Bowls Club to compete in the finals of the Hugh Meddins Trophy.

This trophy is competed for by two sets of triple teams from each club in the Vale, playing two games of 11

ends.

The teams of Glyn Fox, Arthur Hayes and Charles Hiscock, plus Eric Sparkes, Tom Ingroville and Steve Booker, were unbeaten for those two games and scored the maximum eight points available to secure the win.

The trophy, together with commemorative towels, were presented to the teams by Mr Hugh Meddins. **SB**

DARTS LEAGUE READY FOR START OF SEASON

THE 2015-2016 season of the Cowbridge Darts League is about to begin.

This year we have nine teams competing, hosted by seven pubs. The venues are: Edmondes Arms, Cowbridge; Farmers Arms and Hare and Hounds; Aberthorn; Llanharri Working Men's Club, Llanharri; Highwayman Inn, Nurston, Old Post Inn,

Bonvilston and new this season, the Six Bells Inn, Penmark.

The opening league matches will be played on Tuesday, September 15. The Edmondes A are hosting the Old Post Ladies, the Edmondes C are hosting the Highwayman Inn and the Farmers Arms are hosting the Hare & Hounds.

The new team this season, the Six Bells Inn, has a tough opening fixture since they are

hosting the defending champions Llanharri. Last year's runners-up, the Edmondes B, have a bye and so have no game.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are always welcome.

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LITTLE CAUSE TO REJOICE IN VICTORY OVER ITALY...

COMMENT by Don John

FOLLOWING the previous weekend's heroics in Dublin, the Welsh camp may well have viewed the third and final Rugby World Cup 'warm-up' against the Italian 'minnows' at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium (soon to be renamed 'Principality Stadium'!) as a less taxing run-out to send the team off to the global tournament in good heart, with two victories out of three under their belts.

Indeed, head coach Warren Gatland had expressed his satisfaction with the team's stirring performance in the 16-10 win over Ireland, although there were "plenty of things we need to work on from that victory, so we will be looking to put those in place against Italy."

"With our opening RWC fixture (against Uruguay) just two weeks away, this weekend is important for fine tuning," he stressed.

As the final whistle blew on Saturday on a desperately flat performance, compounded by devastating injury blows to two key players, he, more than anyone, will have known that there really are plenty of things to work on – which will require far more than "fine tuning" to put right in the little time now left before the global tournament kicks off.

Yes, they finally scraped a narrow 23-19 win, but the result could so easily have swung the other way, with tenacious Italy pressing hard, literally, to the end – and claiming a deserved second try in the 80th minute that, if converted, would have reduced the final margin to just two points.

Wales were left licking their wounds and counting the cost of a frustrating (and ultimately meaningless) 'friendly' encounter that saw established first choice scrumhalf, Rhys Webb, and indispensable fullback Leigh Halfpenny – who had kicked five penalties – depart the field with severe injuries that, following on the loss of the injured Jonathan Davies, could yet have a decisive bearing on Wales' World Cup prospects.

As if this is not worrying enough for the Welsh camp, underlying concerns again resurfaced up front, where the home eight struggled throughout to stay on terms at both the set-piece and at the breakdown, in contrast to their all-action display against Ireland the week before.

It gave credence to the observation by former Wales and New Zealand head coach Graham Henry last week that "there is still a question mark about the Welsh scrum".

With even lowly Italy able to outscore Wales by two tries to one on Saturday, it also supported the respected World Cup-winning coach's view that Wales persistently underperform as an attacking threat.

"You have to wonder why they don't score more tries with all that talent. They have so much firepower, but they don't seem to function in attack as well as you would expect", he opined and few could honestly dispute this critical assessment.

Gatland told a post-match press conference: "Italy are always a difficult team to beat," which was indeed partly borne out by the repeated infringements committed by the visitors. However, it's also true that the Scots had encountered no such difficulty the week before in their 48-7 points blitz against Italy in Edinburgh.

Only last March, Wales had bettered that score with a 61-20 victory in Rome. The untimely loss of form, and overall performance in the so-called 'warm-ups' has to be seen as a serious psychological setback to the Welsh camp – not only for their World Cup aspirations, but in terms of the confidence and consistency that they have striven for so long to instil in the players.

The ultra-reliable Halfpenny is the one player above all who personifies this and how the coaches must regret not taking him off as a precaution after the shock of losing Webb on a stretcher earlier in the first half.

With three key personnel now sidelined, they now face the unwelcome task of raising the shaken team's morale (and level of performance) to meet the toughest of all rugby challenges ahead.

Their backs may be to the wall, but that is often when Wales are at their most dangerous – and this could prove to be the one positive to emerge from Saturday's drama and disappointment.

• Meanwhile, in yet another tinkering with the laws, the rugby powers that be are inexplicably trialling six points for a try and two points for either a place kick or a drop goal.

While laudable in theory as a means of opening up the game as a spectacle, in practice the wider disparity will surely mean even more infringements – with defending players less wary of conceding two points than in preventing eight. Elementary, my dear Watson!

WALES ARE ON THE BRINK OF EURO 2016 QUALIFICATION... but Israel spoil the party!

by GARETH JAMIESON

WHEN Wales last qualified for a major tournament – the 1958 World Cup – their passage was achieved with an aggregate 4-0 win over Israel in a play-off in February of that year; fast-forward to 2015, and a nation held its breath on Sunday as this current squad of footballers faced the same opposition, knowing that a win would send them to next year's European Championships in France.

Following Thursday's tight 1-0 away win over Cyprus, the tension and excitement was ratcheted up to fever pitch with fans, coaches and players realising that our 57 years of hurt were nearly over.

In his post-match press conference on Thursday, Wales manager Chris Coleman said: "My message to (the fans) is to get carried away. Enjoy this – they've waited a long time. But we can't get carried away. I can't, the players can't, my staff can't and we won't."

In a sun-kissed Cardiff City Stadium, it was down to Coleman and his team to deliver the performance, but more importantly the result, that would allow the players, staff and Coleman himself to get carried away, with the confirmation of qualification.

Ninety four minutes, and a 0-0 draw, later, Wales are still left waiting for that confirmation, but as Coleman asserted with a dose of realism amidst the surprisingly glum post-match viewpoints seen from some sections of the media and the public: "It's a shame we didn't do it. It's an anti-climax but a good point. We all wanted to do it and make the Welsh public happy. They are a bit frustrated but if we do the same again it's over. We only need one point now."

There was a palpable sense of frustration following the final whistle, however anyone believing that Wales will blow their golden opportunity from their current position needs take stock of the situation.

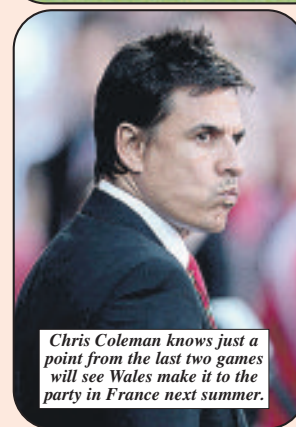
It still requires Israel to win both of their remaining games, at home to Cyprus and away to Belgium, and for Wales to fail to pick up at least a point in their two remaining games, away to Bosnia (a fixture that has looked less daunting the more this campaign has gone on) and then at home to Andorra, a country who have only ever taken one competitive point away from home.

In short, while sport never deals in certainties (and Welsh sport in particular loves to upset the odds), the chances of a Wales-less Euro 2016 are minuscule.

Defender Chris Gunter put it succinctly when he commented: "We wanted to do it for ourselves and for the fans. But we've waited such a long time (to qualify) we can wait another few weeks probably."

That said, it wasn't as if Wales didn't have the opportunities to finish

CAPTAIN FANTASTIC!
Ashley Williams has been a rock in the qualifying campaign so far, and his man-of-the-match performance on Sunday ensured Wales went for a fifth straight game without conceding a goal.
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Chris Coleman knows just a point from the last two games will see Wales make it to the party in France next summer.



Gareth Bale shows his frustration after another close call; the Real Madrid player will be aiming to showcase his skills in the European Championships.

the job on Sunday, with Israel coming to seemingly to play for the draw, rarely troubling the watertight Welsh defence that has now kept five competitive clean sheets in a row.

But to win matches you need to score goals, and this was a day when all Wales could do was create chance after chance without finishing off the opportunities.

Aaron Ramsey and Andy King had opportunities early on, but as it became trickier for Wales to break through their well-organised opponents' defence, the first-half petered out with nerves on end.

It was more of the same second half, Wales looking for that opening with talisman Gareth Bale forced to come deeper to pick up the ball and being restricted to shooting from distance, while his free-kick on the edge of the Israeli box dipped just over the bar.

The real drama was saved for the end, with two incidents that rammed home that this just wasn't going to be our day.

First, a clear handball by Tibi went unpunished by the referee, much to the consternation of players and fans alike, before substitute Simon Church headed the ball into the net in the final minute of injury time, only to see it chalked off for offside.

As the final whistle blew, the frustration was clear – this was

supposed to be the party to end all parties, and yet Israel had come and spoiled it.

Their questionable time-wasting aside, Israel were well-organised, and very tough to break down, and Wales' inability to get that breakthrough means that the party is on ice for now.

Of course qualification can be confirmed with the right result in Sarajevo on October 10, as Coleman's men face a Bosnia team who have underwhelmed and disappointed in this group; an easier fixture than it looked at the beginning of this campaign, it will still be tricky but a Wales with a little more cutting edge should get the job done.

In the worst-case scenario of the team slipping to their first loss of the campaign, the boost is that the final game is against minnows Andorra in front of what will be another sold-out crowd in Cardiff, a fixture that would be unlikely to end in any other result apart from a home victory.

While the anti-climax of Sunday may linger, there are two more matches, and only a point, separating Wales from their dreams of qualification for France next summer... it's not if, but when.